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1857-1967
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COLEMAN

ANNUAL REPORTS

of the

TOWN OFFICERS

of the

TOWN OF MENDON

including the report of the

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

for the

MUNICIPAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953

287th ANNUAL REPORT

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TOWN OF MENDON

Town of Mendon Incorporated May 15, 1667.

Population 1619, 1950 Census.

Registered Voters in 1953, 1044

Annual Election: First Monday in March.

Annual Meeting:

First Friday Evening after the first Monday in March.

County Commissioners:

Francis E. Cassidy, Chairman	Webster
Edward P. Bird	Fitchburg
Joseph A. Aspero	Worcester

Fourteenth Congressional District:

Congressman, Joseph William Martin, Jr.

North Attleboro

Fourth Senatorial District:

Senator, Alfred B. Cenedella Jr. Milford

Eighth Worcester Representative District:

Representatives General Court:

Charles Mullaly, Jr.	Millville
Charles E. Luke Driscoll	Northbridge

Sheriff for Worcester County:

William A. Bennett Worcester

TOWN OFFICERS

SELECTMEN

(Selectmen serve as Board of Public Welfare,

Board of Health and Fence Viewers)

Ernest P. Wood Harold Metcalf John L. Lundvall

TOWN CLERK

Albert S. Coleman

TOWN TREASURER

Charles F. Leonard

TAX COLLECTOR

Arthur P. Dalton

ASSESSORS

Donald B. Lowell D. Kinsley Barnes

Carl M. Taft

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Herbert Bowen Gordon R. Good Harry C. York

TRUSTEES OF TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Ernest P. Wood Percy Rowe Vestella Daniels

Herbert F. Bowen Henry P. Clough, Secretary

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Asa Vear

Joseph W. McEwen

Fred L. Kempton

Albert S. Coleman, Clerk

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Franklin E. Goodnow

Roy A. Barrows

Lee P. McFarland

PARK COMMISSIONERS

Norry J. Daige

George A. Johnson

Fred Phipps

Chief of Police Harold C. Barrows

Constable Harold C. Barrows

Tree Warden & Moth Supt. William E. Nuttall

Town Solicitor Shelley D. Vincent

Dog Officer Raymond A. Miller

Wiring Inspector Walter J. Channing

Sealer of Weights and Measures Raymond A. Miller

Superintendent of Schools Percy Rowe

Fire Chief and Forest Warden Harold F. Lowell

Superintendent of Streets William R. Bowen

Burial Agent Norry J. Daige

Custodian Soldiers' & Sailors' Graves	Richard F. Harding
Inspector of Slaughtering	William Seibert
Inspector of Animals	Roy Barrows
Town Accountant	Helen F. Irons

WATER COMMISSIONERS

Franklin Goodnow	Everett Watson	Donato Leone
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SURVEYOR OF WOOD AND BARK

Arthur V. Pond

FIELD DRIVERS

Alex Woleck	Edward Goss	W. Arthur Robinson
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VETERANS' AGENT

Ernest J. A. Bouchard

RENT CONTROL BOARD

Chester F. Fitzgerald, Chairman

Everett F. Goodnow	Frank E. Dudley
Robert P. Condon	Ettore J. Magliocca

FINANCIAL REPORTS

MODERATOR—SALARY

Appropriation	\$25 00
Expended:	
Roy A. Barrows	\$25 00

SELECTMEN—SALARIES

Appropriation	\$700 00
Expended:	
Ernest P. Wood	\$283 33
Harold Metcalf	200 00
John L. Lundvall	216 67
Total expended	\$700 00

SELECTMEN—EXPENSES

Appropriation	\$150 00
Transferred from Reserve Fund	50 00
Total	\$200 00
Expended:	
Postage	\$18 00
Lock Box	3 70
Cahill's News Agency	3 15
Advertising	51 87
Delivering Town Reports	20 00
Dues to State Asso.	15 00
Dues to County Asso.	6 00
Expenses to County	
Meeting	8 00

Hobbs & Warren, Inc.	1 37	
Forbes Press, printing	6 80	
Mass. Laws	3 00	
Carlton Goss, deposit		
on land	50 00	
Total expended	—————	\$186 89
Unexpended		13 11
	—————	\$200 00

TREASURER—SALARY

Appropriation	\$700 00
Expended:	
Charles F. Leonard	\$700 00

TREASURER—EXPENSE

Appropriation		\$200 00
Expended :		
Postage and stationery	\$75 40	
Hobbs & Warren, forms	6 94	
State Dues	2 00	
Check books	26 35	
Expenses to State		
Meeting	15 15	
Forbes Press, printing	10 00	
Preparing Schedule A	15 00	
Cahill's News Agy.,		
supplies	26 15	
Use of car	10 00	
Total expended	—————	\$186 99
Unexpended		13 01
		—————
		\$200 00

TAX TITLE FORECLOSURE

Appropriation		\$50 00
Expended:		
Postage	\$7 00	
Advertising	5 20	
Worcester Co. Abstract		
Co., description	6 00	
Recording Tax Titles	11 50	
Total expended	_____	\$29 70
Unexpended		20 30

		\$50 00

TOWN ACCOUNTANT—SALARY

Appropriation	\$400 00
Expended:	
Helen F. Irons	\$400 00

TOWN ACCOUNT—EXPENSE

Appropriation	\$75 00
Expended:	
Forbes Press, printing	\$4 00
Mass. Division of	
Accounts	32 35
Total expended	_____
Unexpended	_____

	\$75 00

TOWN CLERK—SALARY

Appropriation	\$250 00
Expended:	
Albert S. Coleman	\$250 00

TOWN CLERK—EXPENSE

Appropriation		\$500 00
Expended:		
Printing and postage	\$100 55	
Recording Fees	80 00	
Desk	80 00	
Dues & expenses, Town		
Clerks' Meetings	93 65	
Palley Office Supply,		
equipment	33 97	
Karl Bright, burglary		
insurance	10 00	
Miscellaneous expenses	33 41	
Total expended	<hr/>	\$431 58
Unexpended		68 42
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		\$500 00

TAX COLLECTOR—SALARY

Appropriation	\$925 00
Expended:	
Arthur P. Dalton, Collector	\$925 00

TAX COLLECTOR—EXPENSE

Appropriation	\$225 00
Transferred from Reserve Fund	1 41
Total	<hr/>
	\$226 41
Expended:	
Barre Gazette, supplies	\$60 79
Use of car	10 00
Forbes Press	43 00
Postage	82 00
Deputy Collector's Bond	5 00
State Asso. Dues	2 00

Advertising	3 90	
Hobbs & Warren, supplies	19 72	
Total expended		\$226 41

ASSESSORS—SALARIES

Appropriation		\$700 00
Expended:		
Donald B. Lowell	\$200 00	
D. Kinsley Barnes	200 00	
Carl M. Taft, Clerk	300 00	
Total expended		\$700 00

ASSESSORS—EXPENSES

Appropriation		\$300 00
Expended:		
Tax Tables	\$1 00	
Postage	10 00	
Deed Abstracts	194 36	
Hobbs & Warren	60 12	
State & County Asso. dues	9 00	
D. B. Lowell, use of car	20 00	
Expenses to State Meeting	5 00	
Total expended		\$299 48
Unexpended		52
		\$300 00

ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS

Appropriation	\$600 00
Expended:	
Election payrolls	\$62 50
Street listing	162 50

Hobbs & Warren Inc.	59 82	
Advertising	48 63	
Registrars' Salaries	140 00	
Voting booths	60 80	
Total expended	—————	\$534 25
Unexpended		65 75
	—————	\$600 00

TOWN COUNSEL—SALARY

Appropriation		\$100 00
Expended:		
Shelley D. Vincent		\$100 00

TOWN COUNSEL—EXPENSE

Appropriation		\$75 00
Expended:		
Shelley D. Vincent		\$75 00

CLERICAL HIRE FOR TOWN OFFICERS

Appropriation		\$300 00
Expended:		
Helen F. Irons	\$299 70	
Unexpended	30	
	—————	\$300 00

TOWN OFFICERS' BONDS

Appropriation		\$265 00
Expended:		
Karl A. Bright	\$244 00	
Unexpended	21 00	
	—————	\$265 00

TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		\$900 00
Expended:		
E. C. Chagnon & Son,		
repairs	\$16 00	
Clock	17 65	
E. T. Powers, repairs	184 77	
Raymond Dudley, janitor	480 00	
Janitor's supplies	55 48	
Lester Hill, repairs	7 00	
Bottled gas	32 80	
Total expended	—————	\$793 70
Unexpended		106 30
		—————
		\$900 00

RECORD ROOM MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		\$350 00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		16 20
Total	—————	\$366 20
Expended:		
Carrie Marlow, janitor ..	\$50 00	
Clark-Shaughnessy, fuel	129 18	
Worcester County		
Elec. Co.	13 48	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	141 59	
Shoveling path	1 00	
Cleaning typewriter	12 10	
Cleaning oil burner	7 00	
Repairs	2 50	
Cahill's News Agy.,		
supplies	9 35	
Total expended	—————	\$366 20

TOWN HALL—ROOFING AND REPAIRS

Appropriation		\$650 00
Expended:		
C. L. Goss, labor and Material	\$642 90	
Unexpended	7 10	
	<hr/>	\$650 00

TOWN HALL WELL

Appropriation	\$2,000 00	
Transferred from Surplus Revenue	2,934 11	
Total	<hr/>	\$4,934 11
Expended:		
E. T. Powers	\$368 87	
Guido Sabatinelli & Sons	4,498 92	
Milford Water Co.	10 00	
Total expended	<hr/>	\$4,877 79
Unexpended	56 32	
		\$4,934 11

HEAT AND LIGHTS

TOWN HALL, FIRE STATION AND HIGHWAY BARN

Appropriation		\$3,000 00
Expended:		
E. T. Powers, repairs	\$492 10	
A. LaBastie, repairs	1 75	
Worc. Co. Elec. Co.	209 40	
H. J. Shaughnessy, fuel	1,938 10	
Boiler inspection	10 00	
Light bulbs	1 47	
Total expended	<hr/>	\$2,652 82
Unexpended	347 18	
	<hr/>	\$3,000 00

CONSTABLE—SALARY

Appropriation	\$25 00
Expended:	
Harold C. Barrows	\$25 00

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$3,000 00
Transferred from Reserve Fund	27.38
Total	\$3,027 38
Expended:	
Office supplies	\$23 48
Officers' payrolls	2,355 43
Mileage	353 95
Telephone	191 09
Accident photos	24 28
Printing and postage	47 75
Reflectors	9 80
Milford Daily News	21 60
Total expended	\$3,027 38

POLICE ROOM CONSTRUCTION

Appropriation	\$200 00
Expended:	
P-O's Furniture	31 14
Camosse Bros.	21 60
Lester Hill	4 00
Bradbury-Lock Co.	22 84
Total expended	\$79 58
Balance on hand December 31, 1953	120 42
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	\$200 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$2,000 00
Transferred from Reserve Fund	56 15
Total	\$2,056 15

Expended:

Pay rolls	\$561 38
Sudbury Laboratory	26 46
Insurance	178 50
Carrie Marlow, test blowing	50 00
Lakeside Garage, repairs	355 07
Worc. Co. Elec. Co.	40 00
Gasoline, oil etc.	78 39
C. L. Goss, repairs	66 33
E. C. Chagnon & Son	55 70
Farrar Co., supplies	382 45
Niro & Niro, repairs	24 83
Telephone	221 70
M. M. Goodnow, repairs ..	11 03
Miscellaneous supplies	4 31
Total expended	<hr/> \$2,056 15

FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$500 00
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Expended:

Harold F. Lowell, Warden	\$25 00
Pay rolls	467 00
Miscellaneous supplies ..	7 10
Total expended	\$499 10
Unexpended	90
	<hr/> \$500 00

FIRE HOSE

Appropriation	\$500 00
Expended:	
Farrar Co.	\$500 00

HYDRANT RENTAL

Appropriation	\$550 00
Expended:	
Town of Mendon, 11 hydrants	\$550 00

DOG OFFICER

Appropriation	\$100 00
Transferred from Reserve Fund	36 00
Total	<hr/> \$136 00
Expended:	
Raymond A. Miller, boarding and disposing of 22 dogs	\$121 00
Salary and use of car	15 00
Total expended	<hr/> \$136 00

CIVILIAN DEFENSE

Balance on hand January 1, 1953	\$63 95
Appropriation	250 00
Total	<hr/> \$313 95
Expended:	
Asa Vear, transportation and expenses	\$20 60
Radio receiver	24 55
Police alarm	58 48
Arm bands	30 29
Total expended	<hr/> \$133 92
Balance on hand December 31, 1953	180 03
	<hr/> \$313 95

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Appropriation	\$50 00
Expended:	
Raymond A. Miller, salary and use of car	\$50 00

WIRING INSPECTOR

Appropriation	\$80 00
Transferred from Reserve Fund	10 00
Total	<hr/> \$90 00
Expended:	
Walter J. Channing, salary	\$80 00
Medway Press, supplies ..	10 00
Total expended	<hr/> \$90 00

BOARD OF HEALTH

Appropriation	\$1,700 00
Expended:	
Charlescraft Press, signs	\$3 00
District Nursing Assn.	75 00
Harold Metcalf, burying dogs	4 00
A. Woleck, rent of land for dump	150 00
Labor and maintenance of dump	696 65
Raymond Miller, burying animals	78 50
Dr. E. E. Allen, anti-rabic treatment	21 00

Anti-rabic vaccine	15 00	
Sargeant Ambulance service	20 00	
Milford Daily News	7 50	
Total expended	—————	\$1,070 65
Unexpended	629 35	
	—————	\$1,700 00

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Appropriation		\$150 00
Expended:		
Roy A. Barrows		\$150 00

INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

Appropriation		\$25 00
Expended:		
Willard Seibert		\$25 00

ELM BEETLE SUPPRESSION

Appropriation		\$500 00
Expended:		
P. A. Millis, spraying	\$477 00	
William Nuttall, salary & labor	23 00	
Total expended	—————	\$500 00

MOTH SUPPRESSION

Appropriation		\$200 00
Expended:		
William Nuttall, Salary ..	\$12 00	
P. A. Millis, spraying	188 00	
Total expended	—————	\$200 00

TREE WARDEN

Appropriation	\$750 00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund	202 25	
Total		\$952 25

Expended:

William Nuttall, Salary .. \$12 00

Labor:

William Nuttall	294 75
George Blanchard	259 00
Theodore Brothers	64 00
Harold Metcalf	106 25
Willard Mathewson	38 75
William Bowen	2 30
R. Bennett	2 30
E. Boover	2 30
Geo. York	2 30
Geo. York, Jr.	2 30
Clifford Mathewson ..	6 00
C. L. Goss, power saw ..	15 00
Earl Arnold, power saw	135 00
C. F. Leonard	10 00

Total expended		\$952 25
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STREET LIGHTING

Appropriation	\$744 00
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Expended:

Worcester Co. Elec. Co. \$643 95

Unexpended	100 05
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	\$744 00
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NEW TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT

Appropriation	\$4,000 00
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Expended:

Whitinsville Trac. Co. \$3,873 00

Unexpended	127 00
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	\$4,000 00
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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

General Repairs

Appropriation	\$2,000 00
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Expended:

Labor	\$1,326 58
Town Equipment	24 00
Hired Equipment	99 00
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	147 39
Rosenfeld Sand & Stone	
Stone Co., patch	9 90
Henry J. Poirier, gravel	29 50
Seaver's Express	3 06
Leonard Jaques & Son,	
supplies	49 51
C. C. Shattuck, supplies	27 81
Geo. H. Clark Co., road	
paint	79 50
Dues, State & County	
Supt. Assoc.	5 00
Sandberg Equip. Co.,	
supplies	58 19
Emmott Valley Trans	
Co.	3 40
Clark-Shaughnessy Co.,	
Oil	16 95
D. B. and H. F. Lowell,	
land damage	1 00
S. H. Wosserman, signs	10 00
Mendon Auto Salvage ..	60
Transportation	15 00
Waldo Thayer, sharpen-	
ing saws	1 50
Norman Rogers, gravel ..	4 00
Rose Machine Shop	3 00
N. E. Metal Culvert Co.,	
pipe	13 05

Lester Hill, supplies	17 00	
Corbett Concrete Pipe Co.	52 86	
Total expended	—————	\$1,997 80
Unexpended		2 20
	—————	\$2,000 00

SNOW REMOVAL

Appropriation		\$6,000 00
Expended:		
Labor	\$1,453 91	
Town Equipment	922 50	
Hired Equipment	1,067 00	
Rosenfeld Sand & Stone Co., sand	285 34	
Dyar Sales Co., plow blades	87 50	
E. F. Edson Co., blades & shovels	154 23	
Henry Poirier, welding ..	94 50	
Seaver's Express	4 50	
Columbia Steel Co., plow blades	164 65	
Mendon Auto Salvage, welding	5 50	
Total expended	—————	\$4,239 73
Unexpended		1,760 27
	—————	\$6,000 00

CHAPTER 81

Town Appropriation	\$3,700 00
State Allotment	10,175 00
Total	————— \$13,875 00
Expended:	
Labor	\$6,311 68

Town Equipment	2,138 70	
Hired Equipment	518 00	
H. A. Daniels Co., Insur.	262 65	
Rosenfeld Sand & Stone		
Co.	1,397 22	
Trimount Bituminous		
Products	2,404 49	
Corbett Concrete Pipe		
Co.	97 20	
Henry J. Poirier, gravel	744 60	
Total expended		\$13,874 54
Unexpended		46
		————— \$13,875 00

CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

Town Appropriation	\$1,500 00
State Allotment	1,500 00
County Allotment	1,500 00
Total	————— \$4,500 00

Expended:

Labor	\$1,015 05	
Town Equipment	602 43	
Hired Equipment	188 50	
H. A. Daniels Co., Insur.	43 14	
Trimount Bituminous		
Products	2,122 68	
Rosenfeld Sand & Stone		
Co.	509 83	
Roland Temple, blasting	17 69	
Total expended		\$4,499 32
Unexpended		68
		————— \$4,500 00

CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION

Town Appropriation	\$2,000 00
State Allotment	4,000 00
County Allotment	2,000 00
Total	<u>\$8,000 00</u>

Expended:

Labor	\$1,934 65
Town Equipment	761 90
Hired Equipment	1,116 50
Henry J. Poirier, gravel	1,199 40
Roland Temple, blasting	1 90
Norman Rogers, gravel ..	72 25
N. E. Metal Culvert Co.	1,131 31
Frances Morrison, gravel	7 50
Rosenfeld Sand & Stone Co.	57 01
Trimount Bituminous Products	563 29
State Prison Colony, guard rail	97 50
H. A. Daniels Co., Insur.	82 22
Total expended	<u>\$7,025 45</u>
Unexpended	974 57
	<u>\$8,000 00</u>

DRAINAGE—BLACKSTONE STREET

Appropriation	\$2,500 00
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Expended:

Labor	\$350 80
Town Equipment	208 00
Hired Equipment	691 00
Worcester Foundry Co. ..	36 12
Corbett Concrete Pipe Co.	1,055 60

Rosenfeld Sand & Stone		
Co.	108 33	
Medway Block Co.	9 50	
Southeastern Const. Co.	39 72	
Total expended	—————	\$2,499 07
Unexpended		93
	—————	\$2,500 00

DRAINAGE—MAIN STREET

Appropriation		\$400 00
Expended:		
Wages	\$139 60	
Corbett Concrete Pipe		
Co.	260 16	
Total expended	—————	\$399 76
Unexpended		24
	—————	\$400 00

DRAINAGE—WASHINGTON STREET

Appropriation		\$500 00
Expended:		
Wages	\$225 45	
Town Equipment	28 00	
H. Poirier	8 35	
Kinnecome release	1 00	
Medway Block Co.	15 12	
Corbett Concrete Pipe		
Co.	211 56	
H. M. Curtis Co.	2 10	
Rosenfeld Sand & Stone		
Co.	7 70	
Total expended	—————	\$499 28
Unexpended		72
	—————	\$500 00

ROAD MACHINERY ACCOUNT

Transferred from Road Machinery Fund	\$3,000 00
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Expended:

Labor	\$36 40	
Lakeside Garage, repairs	344 27	
Scott, White Truck Inc.	75 95	
Mendon Gulf Station	743 49	
H. A. Daniels Co., Insur.	124 36	
Donald B. Lowell, Insur.	34 82	
Karl Bright, Insurance ..	156 63	
Home Nat'l. Bank. note and interest	1,037 50	
Bowker-Hamblin- Malmquist, tires	248 65	
E. F. Edson Co., repairs	35 10	
H. J. Poirier, welding	32 00	
Henley-Kimball Co., parts	3 57	
Vater's Garage, inspections	2 00	
So. Milford Service Sta.	21 65	
Wm. Bowen, parts	7 07	
Turnpike Auto Parts	15 00	
White Motors, parts	4 54	
Mendon Auto Salvage, repairs	51 85	
Total expended	\$2,994 60	
Unexpended	5 40	
	<hr/> \$3,000 00	

ROAD MACHINERY FUND

Balance January 1, 1953	\$7,065 02
Transferred to Road Machinery Account	\$3,000 00

Transferred to		
New Tractor Account	\$4,000 00	
Total transfers	7,000 00	
Balance		\$65 02

Paid to Town Treasurer for
use of equipment:

Chapter 81	\$2,138 70	
Chapter 90 Construction	761 90	
Chapter 90 Maintenance	602 43	
General Repairs	24 00	
Snow Removal	922 50	
Board of Health	34 00	
Washington St. Drainage	28 00	
Blackstone St. Drainage ..	208 00	
Miscellaneous rentals	20 00	
Road Machinery account		
unexpended	5 40	
Total	\$4,744 93	
Balance December 31, 1953		\$4,809 95

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE—SALARIES

Appropriation		\$45 00
Expended:		
Harold Metcalf	\$15 00	
John L. Lundvall	15 00	
Ernest P. Wood	15 00	
Total expended		\$45 00

PUBLIC WELFARE—TEMPORARY AID

Appropriation		\$6,000 00
Expended:		
(Mendon Settlement)		
Three persons in own		
homes	\$1,265 26	

One person in Rest

Home	1,553 10	
One person in hospital	130 00	
One family in other town	8 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,956 36

(Settlement Other Towns)

One person in own home	201 70	
Three families in own homes	962 83	
	<hr/>	1,164 53

(No settlement—chargeable to State)

One family in own home	139 26
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(Disability Assistance)

Two persons in own homes	801 04	
United Community Services	10 00	
Total expended	<hr/>	\$5,071 19
Unexpended		928 81
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		\$6,000 00

Proportionate share of above expenses:

State of Massachusetts ..	\$139 26	
Town of Milford	1,134 53	
City of Northampton	30 00	
State and Federal share of Disability Assistance	600 78	
Town of Mendon	3,166 62	
	<hr/>	\$5,071 19

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE—FEDERAL GRANT

Received from Federal Government:

Direct Aid	\$982 19	
Administration	31 65	
Total		\$1,013 84

Expended:

For Direct Aid, 2 cases	\$753 60	
Unexpended	260 24	
		\$1,013 84
State and Federal share of above expenses	\$565 20	
Town of Mendon's share	188 40	
		\$753 60

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Appropriation	\$2,000 00	
Transferred from Surplus Revenue	2,000 00	
From Federal Gov't., Direct Aid	2,319 89	
From Federal Gov't., Administration	72 42	
Total		\$6,392 31

Expended:

For Direct Aid, 5 cases	\$3,737 92	
Unexpended	2,654 39	
		\$6,392 31

Summary:

Federal Gov't. share	\$1,985 39	
State of Mass. share	1,245 63	
Town of Mendon	506 90	
		\$3,737 92

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Appropriation	\$16,000 00	
From Federal Government	20,919 11	
Total		\$36,919 11

Expended:

For Direct Aid, 56 cases	\$33,803 22	
Unexpended	3,115 89	
	<hr/>	\$36,919 11

Summary:

Federal Gov't. share	\$16,595 66	
State of Massachusetts ..	10,904 36	
Due from other Towns ..	1,054 06	
Town of Mendon's share	5,249 14	
	<hr/>	\$33,803 22

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE—ADMINISTRATION

Appropriation	\$750 00	
Received from Federal Gov't.	857 62	
Total	<hr/>	\$1,607 62

Expended:

Helen F. Irons,		
Welfare Worker	\$1,050 00	
Cahill's, supplies	2 20	
Postage	60 11	
Traveling expense	15 40	
Hobbs & Warren,		
supplies	14 94	
J. C. Moore Co., supplies	3 95	
Total expended	<hr/>	\$1,146 60
Unexpended	461 02	
	<hr/>	\$1,607 62

Summary:

Federal Gov't. share	\$595 80	
State of Mass. share	10 81	
Town of Mendon	539 99	
	<hr/>	\$1,146 60

VETERANS' BENEFITS

Appropriation	\$500 00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund	\$500 00	
Total		\$1,124 36

Expended:

State Association, dues ..	\$2 00	
Ernest Bouchard, expenses to State Meeting	100 00	
Forbes Press, supplies	10 00	
Aid 2 persons in other Towns	574 00	
Aid 1 person in own home	438 36	
Total expended		\$1,124 36

Summary:

State's share	\$506 18	
Town of Mendon's share	618 18	
		\$1,124 36

ADMINISTRATION OF VETERANS' BENEFITS

Appropriation	\$100 00
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Expended:

Ernest Bouchard, Agent	\$83 32	
Harold Metcalf, salary 2 months	8 34	
Ernest P. Wood, salary 2 months	8 34	
Total expended		\$100 00

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$60,499 16
Dog Tax Refund	495 84
Total	<u>\$60,945 00</u>
Expended	\$60,929 63
Unexpended	15 37
	<u>\$60,945 00</u>

(For detail of expenditures see School Report)

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Appropriation	\$1,000 00
Expended:	
Town of Framingham,	
tuition	\$16 20
Norfolk Co. Agri. School,	
tuition	160 00
City of Worcester, tuition	309 30
Transportation	191 70
H. P. Clough, Driver	
Education course	78 00
Total expended	<u>\$755 20</u>
Unexpended	244 80
	<u>\$1,000 00</u>

SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

Balance January 1, 1953	\$2,400 00
Expended:	
C. L. Goss, labor &	
material	\$100 48
Hopedale Coal & Ice Co.	40 68

E. T. Powers	54 02	
Ernest Mellen, repairs	15 00	
Horace Partridge, supplies	21 50	
Norman Rogers, fill & grading	323 00	
Total expended		\$554 68
Balance December 31, 1953		1,845 32
		<hr/> \$2,400 00

SPECIAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Balance January 1, 1953	\$519 13	
Revenue from meals	5,937 88	
State Reimbursement	2,103 97	
Total		<hr/> \$8,560 98

Expended:

Salaries	\$2,115 00	
Food supplies	4,969 68	
Kitchen supplies	102 28	
Transportation fees	65 86	
Frozen food locker	18 00	
Miscellaneous	5 00	
Total expended		<hr/> \$7,275 82
Unexpended balance		1,285 16
		<hr/> \$8,560 98

PARK DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$200 00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund	200 00	
Total		<hr/> \$400 00

Expended:

Fred Phipps, labor	\$5 00	
George Johnson, labor	141 00	

Chester O. Avery, labor	33 50	
Raymond Thomas, labor	158 00	
Clayton Parkinson, flowers	13 20	
Lakeside Flower Shop	10 50	
Total expended		\$361 20
Unexpended	38 80	
		<u>\$400 00</u>

WATER DEPARTMENT MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		\$750 00
Expended:		
Town of Bellingham, water	\$293 71	
Varney Bros., labor and services	121 13	
Lloyd Nelson, labor and materials	190 98	
George Allen, meter reading	19 00	
Louis Sidoni, labor	35 00	
Postage	3 63	
Total expended		\$663 45
Unexpended	86 55	
		<u>\$750 00</u>

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' GRAVES

Appropriation		\$30 00
Expended:		
Swan Dale Cemetery Assoc.		\$30 00

MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

Appropriation		\$225 00
Expended:		
Sons of Union Veterans,		
flags	\$8 00	
D. C. Ryan, band	150 00	
Clayton Parkinson,		
flowers	11 50	
Lakeside Flower Shop	8 00	
C. C. Shattuck, supplies	35 20	
Total expended	\$212 70	
Unexpended	12 30	
		\$225 00

TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Appropriation	\$810 00	
Transfer from Reserve Fund	60 00	
Total		\$870 00
Expended:		
H.W. Wilson Company	\$11 80	
American Library Association	6 00	
Worcester County Electric Co.	24 58	
E. T. Powers, Heat Installation	232 50	
Barney Coal Co.	114 67	
Vestella M. Daniels, Librarian	300 00	
Raymond C. Dudley, Janitor	100 00	
Chester C. Shattuck, Supplies	50	
Samuel F. Mitchell, Electrician	62 65	
Danny's News Stand	17 30	
Total expended	\$870 00	
Expended from Samuel Taft Fund:		
E. T. Powers, Heating Contract	\$76 00	

Expended from Frederic M. Kinsley Fund:

Samuel F. Mitchell, Lighting System	\$500 00
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Expended from Fletcher Fund:

Personal Book Shop, Inc.	\$148 94
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INSURANCE ON TOWN BUILDINGS

Appropriation	\$1,700 00
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Expended:

Donald B. Lowell, Agent	\$1,644 83
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Unexpended	55 17
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	<hr/>	\$1,700 00
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TOWN REPORTS

Appropriation	\$620 00
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Expended:

Uxbridge Printing Co.	\$620 00
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RESERVE FUND

Appropriation	\$2,000 00
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Transfers:

Selectmen's Expense	\$50 00
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Taft Public Library	60 00
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Collector's Expense	1 41
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Record Room

Maintenance	16 20
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Fire Department	56 15
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Wire Inspector	10 00
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Police Department	27 38
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Veterans' Benefits	624 36
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Park Department	200 00
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Dog Officer	36 00	
Tree Warden	202 25	
Total transfers		\$1,283 75
Unexpended	716 25	
		<u>\$2,000 00</u>

MATURING DEBT

Appropriation	\$4,000 00	
Transferred from Surplus Revenue	8,000 00	
Total		\$12,000 00
Expended:		
School House Loan	1,000 00	
Fire Station Loan	10,000 00	
Water Construction Loan	1,000 00	
Total expended		\$12,000 00

INTEREST ON MATURING DEBT

Appropriation		\$733 75
Expended:		
Fire Station Loan	\$250 00	
Water Construction Loan	371 25	
School House Loan	112 50	
Total expended		\$733 75

REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT

December 31, 1953

RECEIPTS

General Revenue

Taxes:

Current Year:

Poll	\$910 00
Personal Property	6,385 48
Real Estate	69,641 60
Motor Vehicle Excise	12,645 22

Previous Years:

Personal Property	479 96
Real Estate	5,808 78
Motor Vehicle Excise	2,626 09
Estate of Deceased Persons	201 36
Tax Titles Redeemed	331 38
Tax Titles Sold	596 00

From the State:

Corporation Tax	6,394 49
Income Tax	4,750 60

Licenses and Permits: 283 01

Grants and Gifts:

From Federal Government:

Old Age Assistance	17,154 65
Aid to Dependent Children	2,354 56
Disability Assistance	976 85

From State:

School Aid, Chap. 70	13,303 46
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Vocational Education	120 50
High School Tuition & Transportation	8,600 00
Highways, Chap. 81—1952 Contract	6,744 00
Highways, Chap. 81—1953 Contract	2,482 00
Inspector of Animals	75 00
Meal Tax, O.A.A.	691 49
Rent of Fire Tower land	50 00
From County:	
Dog License Refund	495 84
Other:	
Sale of Real Estate	75 00
Gas pipe-line release	5 00

Commercial Revenue

Town Clerk, sale of Town Annals	13 00
Town Hall Rent	519 00
Wire Inspections (1952)	20 00
Wire Inspections (1953)	15 00
Sealer's Fees	19 75

Health and Sanitation:

County, Dog Officer reimbursement	76 50
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Highways:

Truck and Machinery Rental	4,739 53
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Charities:

Temporary Aid, from Cities and Towns	2,368 99
State, Aid to Dependent Children	1,222 82
State, Disability Assistance	450 42
State, Old Age Assistance	10,340 01
Recoveries from Old Age Assistance ..	874 85

Old Age Assistance, Cities and Towns	907 19
State, Temporary Aid	834 87
State, Indigent Persons	156 00
State, Veterans' Benefits	267 00

Schools:

Tuition, Boston City Wards	1,036 69
School Lunch Revenue	8,041 85
Library Fines	11 24
Water Department Revenue	1,917 53

Interest:

Thayer Cemetery Fund	5 00
Deferred Taxes	241 26
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	24 36
Tax Titles redeemed	26 98

Agency, Trust and Investment:

Kinsley Library Fund	500 00
Dog License Fees due County	586 00
Trust Fund Income	161 44
Federal Withholding Taxes	7,282 22
Worcester County Retirement Deductions	1,060 03

Refunds:

Town Truck insurance	7 87
School check returned	9 75
Selectmen's advertising	5 10

Total Receipts, 1953	\$207,924 57
Balance January 1, 1953	43,443 47
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	\$251,368 04

EXPENDITURES

General Government

Moderator's Salary	\$25 00
Selectmen's Salaries	700 00
Selectmen's Expense	186 89
Town Accountant's Salary	400 00
Town Accountant's Expense	36 35
Treasurer's Salary	700 00
Treasurer's Expense	186 99
Collector's Salary	925 00
Collector's Expense	226 41
Assessors' Salaries	700 00
Assessors' Expense	299 48
Town Counsel's Salary	100 00
Town Counsel's Expense	75 00
Town Clerk's Salary	250 00
Town Clerk's Expense	431 58
Elections and Registration	534 25
Clerical Hire for Town Officers	299 70
Bonds for Town Officers	244 00
Town Hall Maintenance	793 70
Record Room Maintenance	366 20
Heat & Lights—Town Buildings	2,652 82
Town Hall Roofing	642 90
Town Hall Well	4,877 79

Protection of Persons and Property

Constable's Salary	25 00
Police Department	3,027 38
Police Room Construction	79 58
Fire Department	2,056 15
Wire Inspector	90 00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	50 00
Hydrant Rental	550 00
Moth Suppression	200 00

Elm Beetle Suppression	500 00
Tree Warden	952 25
Forest Fires	499 10
Dog Officer	136 00
Civilian Defense	133 92
Fire Hose	500 00

Health and Sanitation

Board of Health	1,070 65
Worcester County Hospital	2,342 29
Inspector of Animals	150 00
Inspector of Slaughtering	25 00

Highways

General Repairs	1,997 80
Highway Machinery Maintenance	1,994 60
Snow Removal	4,239 73
Chapter 81	13,874 54
Chapter 90 Maintenance	4,499 32
Chapter 90 Construction	7,025 43
Main Street Drainage	399 76
Blackstone Street Drainage	2,499 07
Washington Street Drainage	499 28
Street Lighting	643 95
New Tractor	3,873 00

Charities

Public Welfare Salaries	45 00
General Relief	5,137 38
Disability Assistance, Federal Grant	753 60
Aid to Dependent Children	3,736 92
Old Age Assistance	32,475 68
Administration of O.A.A., A.D.C. & D.A.	1,146 60
Veterans' Benefits	1,058 17
Administration of Veterans' Benefits	100 00

Schools and Library

School Department	60,939	38
Vocational Education	755	20
School Playground	554	68
School Lunch Program	7,275	82
Taft Public Library	870	00
Kinsley Library Bequest	500	00
Samuel Taft Library Bequest	76	00

Unclassified

Park Department	361	20
Memorial Day Celebration	212	70
Annuity Fund	500	00
Insurance on Town Buildings	1,644	83
Worcester Co. Retirement Expense Fund	839	00
Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves	30	00
Town Reports	620	00
Tax Title Foreclosure	29	70
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	379	93

Public Service Enterprise

Water Department	663	45
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Interest

Maturing Debt	733	75
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Municipal Indebtedness

Payments on Notes	13,000	00
State Parks & Reservations	222	29

Agency, Trust and Investment

County Tax	4,582	34
Dog Licenses for County	584	00
Austin Fletcher Library Fund	148	94

Interest to Post War Rehabilitation Fund	12 50
Federal Withholding Taxes	7,282 22
Worcester County Retirement Deductions	1,060 03
Stabilization Fund	5,000 00

Refunds

1953 Real Estate Taxes	83 60
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	266 61

Total expenditures	\$223,269 38
Balance December 31, 1953	28,098 66
	<hr/>
	\$251,368 04

HELEN F. IRONS,

Town Accountant

TOWN OF MENDON

Balance Sheet - December 31, 1953

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets		Liabilities and Reserves	
Cash:			
In Bank	\$28,098 66	Dog Licenses—Due County	\$2 00
Accounts Receivable:		Excess—Sales of Lands of	69 63
Taxes:		Low Value	30 78
Levy of 1952:		Tailings	
Personal Property	\$155 10	Thayer Cemetery	50 06
Real Estate	465 70	Fund Income	
Levy of 1953:		Old Age Assistance	874 85
Personal Property	637 80	—Recoveries	
Real Estate	6,312 52	Federal Grants:	
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:		Disability Assistance:	
Levy of 1953		Administration	\$31 65
Tax Titles	\$52 74	Assistance	228 59
Tax Titles—		Aid to Dependent Children:	
Tax Possessions	53 87	Administration	72 42
Departmental:		Aid	769 39
Town Hall	\$114 25	Old Age Assistance:	
Aid to Dependent Children	412 63	Administration	461 02
Veteran's Services	303 14	Assistance	3,095 72
Water		School Lunch Program	4,658 79
		Appropriation Balances:	1,285 16
		Police Station	
		Construction	\$120 42

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:
 Inside Debt Limit:
 General
 Outside Debt Limit:
 Public Service Enterprise

Inside Debt Limit:
 General:
 Departmental \$1,000 00
 Equipment 4,000 00
 School Addition \$5,000 00
 Outside Debt Limit:
 Public Service Enterprise:
 Water 16,000 00

\$21,000 00

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\$21,000 00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds:
 Cash and Securities:
 In Custody of Treasurer

Austin Wood Relief Fund .. \$1,398 56
 Nathan R. George Relief Fund 1,280 50
 Austin B. Fletcher Library Fund 5,235 42
 Anna Ellis Library Fund 633 08
 Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds 213 82
 Post-War Rehabilitation Fund 1,267 61
 Stabilization Fund 26,668 96

\$36,697 95

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectman would like to mention a few of the accomplishments which directly affect the townspeople.

In 1951 the tax rate was \$50.00; in 1952 it was \$47.00 and in 1953 it was reduced to \$44.00 per thousand. The tax rate is based primarily on the amount of the appropriations voted at Town Meeting. We earnestly urge the attendance of all taxpayers who are entitled to vote, to attend these meetings. It is your civic duty to exercise this privilege.

During 1953 \$10,000. was paid on the Fire Station note, thus liquidating the loan which was due to run four more years. The finances of the Town have been substantial and have carried us through without the necessity of borrowing money in anticipation of revenue.

We wish to express our thanks for the co-operation extended to us by all Town Departments during the past year.

Respectfully,

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Ernest P. Wood, Chairman

LIST OF JURORS

Chester O. Avery	Draftsman	George Street
Gordon R. Good	Machinist	North Avenue
Mildred A. Goss	Housewife	Maple Street
Norman H. Handley	Storekeeper	North Avenue
Alice H. Leonard	Housewife	Providence Street
Charles F. Leonard	Realtor	Providence Street
Donald B. Lowell	Dairyman	North Avenue
Madelaine W. Mann	Housewife	Washington Street
Marjorie Mathewson	Coat Maker,	Hartford Ave., West
Marjorie H. Shattuck	Housewife	Elm Street
Marion G. Stevens	Hat worker	Main Street
Douglas Taylor	Carpenter	George Street
Fern Wagner	Tile Worker	Millville Street
Everett G. Watson	Sales Supervisor	Bates Street
Jesse F. White	Boat Dealer	Uxbridge Road
Charles H. Wood	Expeditior	Hartford Ave., West

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

CASH RECEIPTS

JANUARY 1, 1953—DECEMBER 31, 1953

Cash on hand, January 1, 1953	\$ 43,443 47
Receipts for year 1953	207,924 57
	<hr/> \$251,368 04

Paid per Selectmen's Warrants year	
1953	\$223,269 38
Cash balance December 31, 1953	28,098 66
	<hr/> \$251,368 04

Balance on hand December 31, 1953 ..	\$ 28,098 66
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Balance in The Home National Bank
of Milford December 31, 1953 \$ 34,696 43

Less outstanding checks as of December	
31, 1953	\$ 6,597 77
	<hr/> \$ 28,098 66

(See Town Accountant's Report for detail of Receipts and
Expenditures)

1 Tax Title	\$ 52 74
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TRUST FUND REPORTS — DECEMBER 31, 1953

AUSTIN WOOD RELIEF FUND

Dr.

To Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$575 45	
To Interest received from Milford Savings Bank	16 66	
To Cash in Worcester County Institution for Savings	782 81	
To Interest received from Worcester County Institution for Savings	23 64	
	<hr/>	\$1,398 56

Cr.

By Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$592 11	
By Cash in Worcester County Institution for Savings	806 45	
	<hr/>	\$1,398 56

U. S. DEFENSE BOND

Dr.

To one U. S. Defense Bond	\$1,000 00	
To Interest received on Bond	25 00	
To Interest received previous to 1953 and on deposit in The Home National Bank of Milford	239 02	
To Interest received from The Home National Bank of Milford	3 59	
	<hr/>	\$1,267 61

Cr.

By one U. S. Defense Bond	\$1,000 00	
By Cash in The Home National Bank of Milford	267 61	
	<hr/>	\$1,267 61

STABILIZATION FUND

Dr.

To Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$15,413 08	
To Interest received from Milford Savings Bank	449 56	
To Cash in Milford Federal Savings and Loan Association	10,489 29	
To Interest received from Milford Federal Savings and Loan Association	317 03	
	<hr/>	\$26,668 96

Cr.

By Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$15,862 64	
By Cash in Milford Federal Savings and Loan Association	10,806 32	
	<hr/>	\$26,668 96

ANNA ELLIS LIBRARY FUND

Dr.

To Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$615 27	
To Interest received from Milford Savings Bank	17 81	
	<hr/>	\$633 08

Cr.

By Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$633 08	
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NATHAN R. GEORGE, JR. TRUST FUND

Dr.

To Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$1,244 47	
To Interest received from Milford Savings Bank	36 03	
	<hr/>	\$1,280 50

Cr.

By Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$1,280 50	
	<hr/>	\$1,280 50

AUSTIN B. FLETCHER LIBRARY FUND

Dr.

To Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$5,234 04	
To Interest received from Milford Savings Bank	150 32	
	<hr/>	\$5,384 36

Cr.

By Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$5,235 42	
By 3 Library Orders	148 94	
	<hr/>	\$5,384 36

ANNIE E. GASKILL LOT — BICKNELL CEMETERY

Dr.

To Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$103 91	
To Interest received from Milford Savings Bank	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$106 91

Cr.

By Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$106 91	
	<hr/>	\$106 91

JOSEPH S. COX, JOSEPH BATES AND JOHN S. COX

LOTS — BICKNELL CEMETERY

Dr.

To Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$103 91	
To Interest received from Milford Savings Bank	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$106 91

Cr.

By Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$106 91	
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During the year 1953, all of the property that had been taken by the Town for non-payment of taxes was either redeemed or sold at auction. This included 24 parcels taken by the Town from 1934 to 1949. The real estate is now on the valuation books and bringing in revenue.

One parcel of 8 acres was held by the Town. The Selectmen, after establishing the bounds and determining its availability, decided to hold this land in case Mendon, in the future, should need a site for a Town Dump.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. LEONARD

Treasurer

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

1953

1951 Personal Property Taxes

Dr.

Taxes Outstanding Jan. 1, 1953	\$25 00	
Interest	1 33	
	_____	\$26 33

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$26 33	
Uncollected	00	
	_____	\$26 33

1951 Real Estate Taxes

Dr.

Taxes Outstanding Jan. 1, 1953	\$398 88	
Interest	14 19	
	_____	\$413 07

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$413 07	
Uncollected	00	
	_____	\$413 07

1952 Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes

Dr.

Taxes Outstanding Jan. 1, 1953 and including Taxes committed Jan. 2, 1953 and Jan. 28, 1953	\$5,230 88	
Interest	11 93	
	<hr/>	\$5,242 81

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$2,638 02	
Abated	2,604 79	
Uncollected	00	
	<hr/>	\$5,242 81

1952 Personal Property Taxes

Dr.

Taxes Outstanding Jan. 1, 1953	\$610 06	
Interest	16 82	
	<hr/>	\$626 88

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$471 78	
Uncollected	155 10	
	<hr/>	\$626 88

1952 Real Estate Taxes

Dr.

Taxes Outstanding Jan. 1, 1953	\$5,875 60	
Interest	160 23	
	<hr/>	\$6,035 83

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$5,570 13	
Uncollected	465 70	
	<hr/>	\$6,035 83

1953 Poll Taxes

Dr.

Taxes Committed	\$1,110 00	
Interest	1 03	
Charges and Fees	21 35	
	<hr/>	\$1,132 38

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$932 38	
Abated	200 00	
Uncollected	00	
	<hr/>	\$1,132 38

1953 Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes

Dr.

Total Taxes Committed	\$14,302 28	
Interest	12 43	
	<hr/>	\$14,314 71

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$12,657 65	
Abated	112 19	
Uncollected	1,544 87	
	<hr/>	\$14,314 71

1953 Personal Property Taxes

Dr.

Taxes Committed	\$7,026 80	
Interest	79	
	<hr/>	\$7,027 59

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$6,386 27	
Abated	3 52	
Uncollected	637 80	
	<hr/>	\$7,027 59

1953 Real Estate Taxes

Dr.

Taxes Committed	\$78,410 20	
Interest	25 52	
	<hr/>	\$78,435 72

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$69,667 12	
Abated	2,416 48	
Subsequent Tax Title Credit	39 60	
Uncollected	6,312 52	
	<hr/>	\$78,435 72

Tax Refunds For 1953

1952 Motor Vehicles Exise Taxes	\$15 08	
1953 Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	251 53	
1953 Real Estate Taxes	83 60	
	<hr/>	\$350 21

Dr.

Estate of Ellen C. Barry	\$201 36	
	<hr/>	\$201 36

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$201 36	
	<hr/>	\$201 36

Respectfully submitted

ARTHUR P. DALTON

Collector of Taxes

January 1, 1954

ASSESSORS' REPORT

The Assessors' Recapitulation Sheet and Table of Aggregates is given below:

RECAPITULATION 1953

Town Appropriations:

Voted since 1952 Tax Rate fixed	\$165,485 47	
Other	500 00	
State Taxes 1953	547 35	
County Taxes 1953	9,122 55	
Overlay for 1953	2,500 00	
Gross Amount to be raised	<hr/>	\$178,155 37
Estimated Receipts	\$67,662 97	
Available Funds	23,945 40	
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Total Estimated Receipts and		
Available Funds		91,608 37
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Net Amount to be raised by taxation

on Polls and Property		\$86,547 00
555 Poll Taxes at \$2.00	\$1,110 00	
Personal Property Taxes	7,026 80	
Real Estate Taxes	78,410 20	
Total Taxes levied on Polls and		
Property	<hr/>	\$86,547 00

AGGREGATES 1953

Number of Assessments on	
Real Estate	643
Number of Assessments on	
Personal Estate	74
Number of Polls Assessed	555

Value of Assessed Personal Estate:

Stock-in-trade	\$8,200 00
Machinery	79,600 00
Livestock	67,300 00
Other tangible Personal Prop.	4,600 00

Total value of Assessed

Personal Estate	—————	\$159,700 00
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Value of Assessed Real Estate:

Land exclusive of buildings	\$347,475 00
Buildings exclusive of Land	1,434,575 00

Total value of Assessed Real Estate	—————	\$1,782,050 00
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Total valuation of Assessed Estate		\$1,941,750 00
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Tax on Personal Estate	\$7,026 80
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Tax on Real Estate	78,410 20
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Tax on Polls	1,110 00
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Total	—————	\$86,547 00
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Rate of Tax per \$1,000	\$44 00
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Number of Livestock Assessed:

Horses	24
Cows	547
Other Neat Cattle	125
Swine	23
Fowl	4,100
All other	11

Number of Dwelling

Houses Assessed	596
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Number of Acres of

Land Assessed	10,761
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MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES

Committed to Collector:

Vehicles registered in 1952	\$4,435 56	
Vehicles registered in 1953	14,302 28	
Total	—————	\$18,737 84

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES ABATED

1952 Taxes	\$2,604 79	
1953 Taxes	112 19	
Total abatements	—————	\$2,716 98

OVERLAY ACCOUNT 1953

1953 Overlay	\$2,500 00
1953 Abatements	2,703 60

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD B. LOWELL

D. KINSLEY BARNES

CARL M. TAFT

Board of Assessors

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

1953

DOGS LICENSED IN 1953

155 Males at \$2.00 each	\$310 00	
26 Females at \$5.00 each	130 00	
71 Spayed Females at \$2.00 each	142 00	
3 \$10.00 Kennel Licenses	30 00	
1 \$25.00 Kennel License	25 00	
		\$637 00
Less Clerk's Fees 256 licenses at 20c		51 20
Cash paid Town Treasurer as per monthly statements		\$585 80

Much credit is due our Town Dog Officer, Raymond Miller for his efforts in collecting delinquent dog licenses in 1953.

We have a new County Dog Officer this year who is urging the Assessors to make a more complete canvass of dogs in this town.

He will this coming year visit and inspect all kennels and will no doubt take further action in more prompt payment of licenses.

All dogs three months old or more must be licensed at the Town Clerk's office on or before April 1, 1954. The Dog License Refund is added to the General School Fund of our Town.

SPORTING LICENSES ISSUED FROM
JANUARY 1, 1953 TO DECEMBER 31, 1953

111 Resident Citizen Fishing
98 Resident Citizen Hunting

73 Resident Citizen Sporting	
23 Resident Citizen Minor Fishing	
43 Resident Citizen Female Fishing	
2 Special Non-resident Fishing	
8 Non-resident Citizen Fishing	
2 Resident Alien Fishing	
1 Non-resident Citizen Hunting	
1 Non-resident Citizen Sporting	
6 Duplicate licenses	
1 Non-resident Military or Naval Sporting	
18 Resident Citizen Sporting (Free)	
9 Resident Citizen Military (Free)	
1 Resident Citizen Fishing (Free)	
Total amount received for licenses	\$1,311 50
Less amount retained for fees—366 at 25c	90 75
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Amount sent to the Department of	
Natural Resources	\$1,220 75

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1953

Date of Birth Birth		Name of Child	Name of Parents With Maiden Name of Mother
Jan.	16	Donald George Phillips	George M. and Barbara C. Packard
	18	Paul James Larson	George C. and Arlene Grant
	20	Baby Boy Whiting	Robert E. and Beatrice Sanborn
Feb.	20	John Henry Paradiso	Edward J. and Ruth M. Meade
	22	Warren Daniel Taft	Daniel H. and Lois Rosenquist
Mar.	1	Barbara Rhea Thomas	Ernest S. and Mary L. Labaire
	22	Joseph Leon Biedrzycki	Raymond F. and Katherine King
	28	Willard Edwin Kinnecome, Jr.	Willard E. and Ruth Alma Lyon
April	29	Stephen Albert Hackenson	Thomas D. and Dorothy Charge
	20	Michael Aldore Tetrealt	Aldore E. and Pauline A. Leclair
	21	Patricia Ann Richards	Robert J. and Frances A. York
May	1	James Merton Rogers, 3rd.	James M. and Joyce L. Palmer
	5	Maureen Elizabeth Fagan	Robert K. and Shirley Christensen
	6	Susan Carol Hutchinson	George P. and Patricia Gaskell
June	7	Deborah Ann Ernest	Ronald W. and Elizabeth Nordby
	8	Ann Marie Lamothe	Francis J. and Edwina Tetreault
	12	Michael Alfred Legge	Dominic J. and Henrietta I Macomber
July	9	Cynthia Ann Wolanski	Edward J. and Jennie P. Oleksyk
	16	Susan Fricker	Albert R. and Caroline Cacciola
	22	Ann Marie Morgan	Kenneth D. and Dorothy Condrick
Aug.	23	James Brian Hensel	Aubrey M. and Virginia Irons
	24	Daryl Marina Channing	Walter J. and Eunice Whitney
	17	Mary Elizabeth Irons	Francis A. and Dorothy Larson
Sept.	20	Mark Haven Fitz Gerald	Chester F. and Hazel Nelson
	1	Elaine Brogan	Elwyn and Anna Taxiera
	7	Patricia Mae Curley	Kenneth J. and Margaret J. Potter
Oct.	20	Jeanne Marie Riccardelli	Michael J. and Dorothy Pease
	25	Randi William Nuttall	Stanley E. and Jacqueline M. Dyer
	25	Baby Girl Kraft	Steven S. and Florence Noyes
Nov.	30	Nicholas Peter Frabotta	Felix C. and Stella Arata
	10	Sheila Marie Clancy	William F. Jr. and Agnes T. Schlichte
	19	Keith Donald Thrash	Melvin V. and Jacquelyn M. Curley
Dec.	3	William Albert Auty	William and Mary J. Whitney
	11	Kathleen Elaine Kennelly	Francis E. and Mildred A. Auty
	12	John Walter Gardner	Edward T. and Marilyn Beal
Dec.	13	Carol Ann Slavin	William W. and Joyce Sanderson
	19	Lee Ann Scannell	Joseph T. and Doris Morin
	3	— Magliocca	Ettore J. and Viola Brenna
Dec.	6	Edward Louis Bellevue	Edward P. and Rosetta Scordamaglia
	25	— Cresia	Luigi J. and Mika Ariki

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1953

Date of Marriage 1953		Place of Marriage	Names	Residence
Jan.	3	Hopedale	Melvin Verlon Thrash	Granbury, Texas
	31	Mendon	Jacquelyne May Curley Sumner Stephen Holbrook	Mendon Brunswick, Maine
Feb.	14	Hopedale	Lois Bertha Coleman	Mendon
			John A. Gonsorcik	East Douglas
	14	Mendon	Eleanor M. Daige	Mendon
Apr.			Francis A. Irons	Mendon
			Dorothy Larson	Millville
	11	Mendon	Edward E. Luther	Milford
			Mary R. Aurgemma	Milford
	18	Uxbridge	James Oliver Curry	Newark, Ohio
May			Norma P. Grassotti	Mendon
	25	Milford	Lyman E. Hazard	Mendon
			Jennie M. Volpe	Milford
	9	Milford	Robert W. McTurk	Mendon
			Nancy Nash	Milford
June			Raymond F. Coe	Mendon
			Shirley B. Keefe	Mendon
	6	Hopedale	Russell E. Phipps	Mendon
			Janet M. Metcalf	Hopedale
	13	Upton	Wesley T. Rogers	Mendon
July			Virginia F. Kerr	Upton
	4	Milford	Donald H. Gaskell	Mendon
			Lorraine Phaneuf	Milford
	8	Nashua, N.H.	Elwyn D. Brogan	Franklin
Aug.			Anna M. Texiera	Mendon
	1	Hopedale	Harry R. Grant	Mendon
			Janet Lapworth	Hopedale
	8	Mendon	Ernest J. Oosterman	Northbridge
Sept.			Betty Lou Mantoni	Mendon
	5	Hopedale	Henry J. Poirier, Jr.	Upton
			Nina L. Goodwin	Mendon
	5	Milford	John A. Chute	Hopedale
Oct.			Jean M. Hart	Mendon
	7	Bellingham	Rene Roy	Mendon
			Theresa Bibeault	Bellingham
	6	Nashua, N.H.	Roy S. Carpenter	Auburn
Nov.			Barbara J. Townsend	Mendon
	10	Hopedale	John W. Austin	Franklin
			Dorcas M. B. Dudley	Mendon
	10	Hopedale	Earl F. Thomas	Mendon
			Cecile M. Rondeau	Mendon
	24	Worcester	Louis Henry Roy	Mendon
Dec.			Judith A. Lorusso	Worcester
	31	Worcester	Richard M. Mattson	Mendon
			Vivian C. Peterson	Worcester
	21	Hopedale	William L. Winn	Milford
			Barbara A. Closson	Mendon
	25	Mendon	John J. Eckersall	Hopedale
Dec.			Bertha L. R. Chapin	Milford
	29	Mendon	Lawrence Niro	Milford
			Shirley Robinson	Mendon
Dec.			J. Laurence Doyle	Mendon
	30	Mendon	Ruth P. Granholm	Milford

DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1953

Date of Death 1953	Name	Age			Cause of Death
		Y	M	D	
Jan. 14	Adelaide M. (Rose) Kempton	76	6	10	Diabetes Mellitus
23	Baby Boy Whiting	...	...	3	Congenital Heart
Feb. 24	Ida Frances (Gongdon) Wilbur	84	2	29	Cerebral Hemorrhage
Mar. 5	George Borden Townsend	51	4	18	Cerebral Hemorrhage
30	William Edward Oliver	43	1	4	Acute Myocardial infarction
Apr. 22	Laurie P. Hutchinson	69	8	11	Coronary Heart disease
May 11	Gunvald Halsing	54	9	19	Coronary occlusion
29	Helen Sigfrid (Swanson) Garrett	61	4	14	Uremia
June 7	Mary J. (DeCosta) Alves	80	7	5	Generalized arterio sclerosis
Sept. 23	Baby Girl Kraft	...	...	...	Stillborn
Oct. 23	Mabel (Spaulding) Wagner	48	11	1	Obstruction of ureters
Nov. 5	Bessie Leonore Scott	66	2	15	Coronary heart disease
4	Margaret A. (Healey) Farnon	67	...	...	Acute occlusion iliac vessels
20	Mildred E. (Barnes) Miller	39	6	22	Pumonary embolism
27	William Edward Fahey	56	11	2	Coronary Thrombosis
Dec. 2	Andrew Hanson	69	...	...	Pumonary Thrombosis
2	Ernest Knox Mellen	45	1	19	Carcinoma of floor of mouth
24	Sarah F. (Evans) Morrison	86	0	13	Arterio-sclerotic heart disease

Parents and others are requested to carefully examine the above lists and if any errors or omissions are discovered report them at once to the town clerk, that the record may be corrected, as it is of importance that the records of Vital Statistics should be complete.

GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 46, SECTION 6.

Parents, within forty days after the birth of a child, and every householder, within forty days after a birth in his house, shall cause notice thereof to be given to the clerk of the town where such child is born***

NOTICE

SOME OF THE MANY

REASONS WHY BIRTHS SHOULD BE RECORDED

To establish identity.

To prove nationality.

To prove legitimacy.

To show when the child has the right to enter school.

To show when the child has the right to seek employment under the child labor law.

To establish the right of inheritance to property.

To establish liability to military duty, as well as exemption therefrom.

To establish age and citizenship in order to vote.

To qualify to hold title to, and to buy or sell real estate.

To establish the right to hold public office.

To prove the age at which the marriage contract may be entered into.

To prove age to determine validity of a contract entered into by an alleged minor.

To prove age for Old Age Assistance.

To prove age so as to have the right to take Civil Service Examinations.

Parents be sure to record the birth of your child with given name in full.

Your co-operation to the end that all births may be properly recorded will be greatly appreciated.

Parents will please return the supplemental birth report sent them by the Clerk, even though they have received one from the Clerk of the town in which the child was born. The corrections are not forwarded to the Mendon Town Clerk.

Blanks for the return of all Vital records can be obtained from the Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT S. COLEMAN,

Town Clerk.

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN AND MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

This year the Town appropriated \$750. for tree work due to an ice storm on January 11, 1953. The storm cost \$250. leaving a balance of \$500. to take care of trees that had to be removed or trimmed. This included the trees destroyed by the tornado on June 9th on Bellingham Street.

Later, the State Department of Conservation ordered us to remove and destroy nine elm trees which were found to have the Dutch Elm disease. It was, therefore, necessary to get a transfer from the Finance Committee of \$202.25 to cover this extra expense. The total cost of tree work amounted to \$952.25.

There are more elm trees which must be removed in 1954 as they are being destroyed by the Dutch Elm Disease.

The State authorities for Insect Pest Control have recommended that a total of \$1,000. be appropriated in 1954 for spraying for moths and elm beetle, instead of the customary \$200. and \$500. respectively.

WILLIAM NUTTALL

Tree Warden & Moth Superintendent

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

To the Board of Health:

Gentlemen:

I wish to report that there have been no inspections made during 1953.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLARD N. SEIBERT

Inspector of Slaughtering

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY SURVEYOR

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I submit the following report of work done on the Town roads during 1953:

Chapter 81

There were 15,637 gallons of tar and asphalt applied to various roads under this Chapter. Twenty-five hundred feet of West Hill Road was hard surfaced with tar and asphalt. Thayer Road was finished with hard surface also. Shoulders were cut back on George Street for a considerable distance, thus leaving ample room for snow removal and a better view of the corner. Five Hundred feet of Bellingham Street was rebuilt and shoulders cut back for better snow removal. Northbridge Street and Hartford Avenue were also cut back for snow removal purposes. Blackstone Street drainage was completed to the end of the airport field. Brush was cut on all Chapter 81 roads.

Chapter 90 Maintenance

A total of 14,297 gallons of tar and asphalt were applied to various roads. A new drain was installed on North Avenue near Powers Road to prevent the water from flowing across the street. This will relieve a spot which has been bad during the Winter months.

Chapter 90 Construction

New construction continued on Providence Street. It was necessary to build a new bridge near the residence of Dr. Ashkins.

The old bridge was built of flag stones and the heavy trucks passing over it, together with the winter frosts, had caused the stones to break, thereby leaving a large hole in the road. The contract was finished and \$974.57 was unexpended. This money will be carried over and used for 1954 construction. Brush was cut on all Chapter 90 Roads.

Drainage

The drainage projects on Blackstone Street, Main Street and Washington Street were all completed and are working very satisfactorily.

I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Townspeople and State and County Engineers for their cooperation and assistance during the past year.

Respectively submitted,

WILLIAM R. BOWEN

Highway Surveyor

REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Selectmen of Mendon;
Gentlemen:

The Fire Department answered 23 alarms in 1953, at an estimated damage of \$45,300.

- 1 Dwelling Fire
- 6 Chimney Fires
- 2 Smoke Scares
- 2 Barn Fires
- 1 Oil burner Fire
- 6 Auto Fires
- 3 Other Building Fires
- 2 False Alarms

1 call for Gas Masks to remove leaking refrigerator. 1 call to get Cat out of tree, 2 calls to wet road for Highway Dept. 1 call to wet road after accident, 8 calls to pump out cellars.

The Firemen held the night before the fourth parade and entertainment which was enjoyed by all. This was made possible through the proceeds of the Auction held in June.

The Firemen decorated the Fire Station at Christmas and with the Mendon Grange lit the tree on Founders Park.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD F. LOWELL,

Fire Chief.

The Forest Fire Department answered 27 alarms in 1953, burning over 6 acres of grassland and 5 acres of brushland.

Fifteen of these fires started from burning grass and rubbish, 4 started by the roadside, 2 were started by Pipe line workers, 1 by Smokers, 1 by children and 4 started from Town Dumps.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD F. LOWELL

Forest Warden.

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Scales under 100 lbs., 9 at 50c	\$4 50
Scales over 100 lbs., 1 at \$1.00	1 00
Gasoline Pumps, 10 at \$1.00	10 00
Grease Pumps, 4 at 1.00	4 00
Kerosene Pumps 1 at 25c	25
	<hr/> \$19 75

Fees and adjusting charges authorized by Section 56 G. L. Ch. 98 as amended by Ch. 34, Acts of 1949.

I have collected \$19.75 for sealing fees and have turned this amount over to the Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND A. MILLER,

Sealer.

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

1953

Automobile accidents investigated	47
Persons injured..	36
Persons admitted to Hospital	14
Complaints received and answered	214
Messages delivered	24
Doors found unlocked	22
Arrests made	16
Summons issued	21
Summons served	9
Warrants issued	14
Warrants served	5
Summons served for out of Town Police	25
Warrants served for out of Town Police	6
Hours patrolling	1248
Miles covered patrolling	3120
Breaking and entering cases investigated	20
Court cases	22
Stolen cars recovered	5
Motor vehicle transfer forms issued	71
Class III Motor vehicle forms issued	50

Persons committed to Youth Service Center	2
Persons committed to State Hospital	6
Persons committed to House of Cofrection	1
Dogs injured which had to be destroyed	4
Gun permits issued	26
Permit to buy guns issued	4
Picked up as A. W. O. L. and returned to Military Authorities	3

The complaints received by this Department continue to increase with each year. There was also a slight increase of Automobile accidents, there being 47, the same as in 1951, an increase of 13 over 1952.

This year this Department received for the Town of Mendon, a Certificate of Honorable Mention, in recognition of its achievement in Highway Traffic Safety (in the 1000 to 4999 population class) based on its accident rate per 10,000 vehicle miles during the year 1952. This certificate was issued by Edgar C. Copell, President of the Massachusetts Safety Council.

We also received for the Town of Mendon a special award from the Governor's Highway Safety Conference. This award was presented to the Town of Mendon, in recognition of outstanding highway safety achievement in completing the year 1952 without a fatal motor vehicle traffic accident. This award was signed by Rudolph F. King, Registrar of Motor Vehicles, General Chairman, and Christian A. Herter, Governor of the Commonwealth, Honorary Chairman, and presented to the Town by Special Investigator W. Wallace O'Brien and Hearings Officer John Adams from the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

There were 192 motor vehicle violations reported to me during the year. There were 28 licenses suspended and 6 re-

voked as recommended by me to the Registry of Motor Vehicles. There were also 26 warning letters issued.

This completes the first full year that the Police Department have had their own rooms. The Officers continue to donate their time evenings between the hours of seven and nine and many are taking advantage of these hours to obtain forms and information.

This past year from July first until September tenth the roads were patrolled from seven in the evening until one in the morning. This patrolling seemed to stop some of the speeding that usually occurred between the hours from eleven and midnight and also eliminated some of breaking and entering cases that have occurred in the past. The Officer on duty covers the entire Town and checks all doors on the business establishments.

This coming year I would recommend that the patrolling start around Memorial Day and continue until at least the end of September.

At this time I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee, all other Town Officials and all the townspeople for their cooperation this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD C. BARROWS,

Chief of Police.

REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

I hereby submit a list of the deceased Dogs and Cats disposed of by me during 1953.

Feb. 14, Providence Street, 1 Cat	\$2 00
Feb. 28, Uxbridge Road, 1 Dog	2 00
Mar. 17, North Ave., 1 Cat	2 00
April 1, Maple Street, 1 Cat	2 00
April 3, Providence Street, 1 Cat	2 00
May 4, Providence Street, 4 Puppies	2 00
May 29, Bellingham Street, 1 Dog	2 00
May 30, Hartford Ave., West, 1 Cat	2 00
June 8, Northbridge Road, 1 Dog	2 00
July 23, Milford Street, 1 Dog	2 00
July 27, North Ave., 1 Cat	2 00
Aug. 22, North Ave., 4 Kittens	2 00
Oct. 8, Milford Street, 1 Cat	2 00
Oct. 15, Hartford Ave., East, 1 Dog	2 00
Oct. 20, Maple Street, 1 Cat	2 00
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	\$30 00

I have also caught, confined and disposed of 22 stray dogs during 1953.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND A. MILLER,

Dog Officer.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

The East Mendon Water System has been in use in that section of the Town since the latter part of 1947. At that time there were 28 takers. As of December 1953 a total of 52 takers are receiving service and there are 11 hydrants available. Additional services will be installed in 1954. This will make a substantial increase in water revenue as well as increased revenue from property taxes in this water section.

The assessed valuation of property owned by the takers of the East Mendon water system has been increased 10%. The present valuation amounts to \$16,039. On the basis of the 1953 tax rate of \$44.00 this would mean that approximately \$705.00 in taxes was received in 1953 from these water takers over and above their normal taxes.

In 1953 the Town received from;

Takers for use of water	\$1,367 53	
Increased taxes	705 00	
Total income	—————	\$2,072 53

Town appropriations;

Average Maintenance costs		
and services	\$600 00	
Payment on Water loan	1,000 00	
Approximate interest on note	300 00	
Total expense	—————	\$1,900 00

Approximate annual profit from		
water		\$172 53

This annual profit goes into surplus revenue for the Town.

We believe that the above figures prove that the East Mendon Water system is self-supporting.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANKLIN W. GODONOW

EVERETT G. WATSON

DANIEL LEONE

Water Commissioners

SEVENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Trustees of the Taft Public Library submit the Report of the Librarian, the Financial Report, and Trustees Report for the year ending December 31, 1953.

Several very important improvements have been made in the library building during the year.

In accordance with plans made last year, a new lighting system has been installed in the library room and reading alcove. The funds for the lighting system were nearly all provided through the generosity of Mrs. Emma Kinsley, of Marblehead, Massachusetts, who gave the money in memory of her husband, Mr. Frederic M. Kinsley, a former resident of Mendon. The improved lighting in the building is one of the most significant changes in the Library in recent years.

An oil burner has been installed in the heater with a heating duct built in the downstairs room.

On the evening of November 11, 1953 an open house was held at the Library. During the course of the evening, friends and neighbors of Miss Nina Burr presented to the Library a painting in memory of Miss Burr who served on the Board of Trustees for several years and was very much interested in the work of the Library and its contribution to the life of the community. The painting was the work of Mrs. Nathaniel Cox of Mendon. Mrs. Richard Harding made the presentation to the Library and Mrs. Vestella Daniels, Librarian, accepted it for the Trustees.

During the year the book stacks have been rearranged in the library room.

Your attention is called to the Report of the Librarian, Mrs. Vestella M. Daniels.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY P. CLOUGH,

Secretary

Trustees of Taft Public Library

1953 LIBRARY REPORT

To the Trustees of the Taft Public Library:

The circulation for the year (99 days) was 3741; the largest number given out in one day, 75; the smallest, 13; and the average, 38. Circulation by classes was as follows: Fiction, 1712;

Juvenile, 1001; magazines, 613; biography, 154; travel, 40; history, 49; literature and fine arts, 50; useful arts and science, 83; and all others, 39.

New books added to the library by the Fletcher Fund, 73; by gift, 108; total, 181. We wish to express our thanks and appreciation for the gift of nearly 50 books from the library of the late Nina M. Burr; and a similar number from Mrs. Bernice Calcagni, including 26 volumes of the Collected Works of Bernard Shaw. Thanks are also due Ian Denton, Mrs. Hill and Mabel Griffin.

Miss Shirley Smith has been the high school assistant; and Mrs. Hazel Harding has ably assisted on Thursday afternoons. National Art Week was observed by an exhibition of drawings from the elementary grades arranged by Miss Jane Coleman, art supervisor.

Both stacks have been moved and books rearranged to make them more accessible. Some of the very early books have been placed on a stack in the basement and some worn out books have been discarded. There are approximately 10,700 books in the library.

The floor has been cleaned and refinished; and we are proud of our new fluorescent lighting. In order to show our improvements to the public, we held Open House on November 11th. About forty people attended. At this time an oil painting of flowers by Doris Daniels Cox was presented to the library in memory of Nina M. Burr, former trustee, by her neighbors. This beautiful painting is a great addition to the interior of the library.

It is our hope that more townspeople will visit the library and make use of the wide selection of books and magazines available.

Magazines subscribed to are: American Home, Atlantic Monthly, Better Homes and Gardens, Boys Life, Colliers, Good Housekeeping, Ladies Home Journal, McCalls, National Geographic, Popular Mechanics, Readers Digest, Saturday Evening Post, Time and Womans Home Companion.

Fines collected and turned over to the town treasurer, \$11.24.

VESTELLA M. DANIELS,

Librarian

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

and

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

of the

TOWN OF MENDON

MASSACHUSETTS

for the

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953

SCHOOL DIRECTORY 1952-1953

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Herbert F. Bowen, Chairman	Term Expires 1955
Harry C. York	Term Expires 1956
Gordon R. Good, Secretary	Term Expires 1954

Regular meetings are held at the High School building on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS—PERCY L. ROWE, Boston University, B.S.E., Ed. M.
The Superintendent may be met every Tuesday and Wednesday at the Mendon High School building or by appointment.

Office—Center School, Bellingham Center Telephone, Milford 787-M4
Office Hours—4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on school days.

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Ronald Lukert, M.D. Telephone, Milford 3045-W

SCHOOL NURSE

Eileen Brown, R.N. Millford District Nursing Association

SCHOOL CUSTODIAN

Walter Wright Mendon, Mass.

TRANSPORTATION AGENTS

Harold C. Barrows Mendon, Mass.

Jesse F. White Mendon, Mass.

ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Harold C. Barrows Mendon, Mass.

TEACHERS

Name	Subject or Grade	Preparation	Degree or Yrs.	Years Ser. on Town
Henry P. Clough, Principal	Algebra, French	Dartmouth College and	B.S.	26th
History,	Geography, Geometry	New Hampshire University	Ed.M.	
Raymond F. Biedrzycki	Math., Science	Rhode Island State	B.S.	Eighth
Mary C. Armour	Commercial Ed.	Regis College	B.S.	Ninth
Mildred White	Home Economics, Social Science	Framingham State Teacher	B.S.E.	Second
Doris O'Neill	English, Latin	Worcester State Teacher	B.S.E.	Sixth
Virginia Mayo	Grade 6	Bridgewater State Teacher	B.S.E.	Tenth
Margaret Hubert	Grade 5	Framingham State Teacher	Two	First
Dorothy L. Stanas	Grade 4	Worcester State Teacher	B.S.E.	Fourth
Helen Jaques	Grade 3	Lyndon State Teacher	B.S.	Second
Grace Hutchinson	Grade 2	Framingham State Teacher	Two	Fifteenth
Patricia Goguen	Grade 1	Boston University	B.M.	First
Rita Bishop (Resigned)	Grade 5	Framingham State Teacher	Two	Second
Bertha Hammann (Resigned)	Grade 1	Rhode Island College	Two and one-half	Seventh

SUPERVISORS

Christine Wilson	Music	N. E. Conservatory of Music	3 yrs. dip.	Sixth
William L. Rinehart	Handwriting	University of Pittsburg	M.A.	Sixth
E. Jane Coleman	Art, Mechanical Drawing	Mass. School of Art	B.S.E.	Second

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR PERIOD
JANUARY, 1954 TO JUNE, 1955

HIGH SCHOOL

Open January 4, 1954—Close February 19, 1954
Open March 1, 1954—Close April 25, 1954
Open April 26, 1954—Close June 25, 1954

SUMMER VACATION

Open September 8, 1954—Close December 23, 1954
Open January 3, 1955—Close February 18, 1955
Open February 28, 1955—Close April 15, 1955
Open April 25, 1955—Close June 24, 1955

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Same as High School except:
Close June 18, 1954
Close June 17, 1955

SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION

Memorial Day Observance, May 31, 1954
Columbus Day Observance, October 12, 1954
Teachers' Convention, November 5, 1954
Armistice Day Observance, November 11, 1954
Thanksgiving Recess, November 25-26, 1954

AGE OF ADMISSION TO SCHOOL

Any child who becomes six years of age on or before January first of the year following the term when he wishes to enter school may be admitted into the first grade, but in every case the admission of a child under six shall be dependent upon the fitness to be determined by the superintendent. Pupils under seven years of age who have not previously attended school shall not be permitted to enter later than thirty days after the opening of school in September of any school year.

SCHOOL REGULATIONS

Any complaint or representation which any person desires to make shall be presented or referred in writing to the superintendent of schools, who, in his discretion may bring it before the school committee. In cases of discipline or other school matters relating to their children, parents shall first discuss the matter with the teacher concerned. If for some reason they are not satisfied they will further discuss the matter with the following persons, if necessary, and in the following order: first, the principal of the building and then the superintendent of schools. If, finally, the superintendent has been unable to satisfy the parents, he shall report the case to the school committee for consideration and action.

THE NO SCHOOL SIGNAL

It is the policy of the school officials to practically abandon the use of the "no school" signal on account of weather conditions. This is in line with what many other cities and towns are doing. The reason for so doing are that much confusion has re-

sulted from the use of the "no school" signal, and the realization that the loss of even one school day is very serious.

However, there may be days when it is advisable to close schools on account of severe weather conditions or any other emergency.

Arrangements have been made with Radio Stations WNAC, WBZ and WWON to broadcast the fact whenever it is necessary to close the schools. The "no school" signals are usually given before, during or immediately after the news program. The siren will also blow three blasts twice at 7:30 A.M.

If schools do not close on any particularly bad day(rain, snow or cold) parents are requested, and urged, to use their own judgment in sending their children to school.

SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT

RECEIPTS

General Appropriation	\$60,449	16
Dog Tax, 1953	495	84
Total Receipts	\$60,945	00
Total Expenditures	60,929	63
Unexpended Balance		15 37

REIMBURSEMENTS

State-aid	\$13,303	46
Superintendent: Salary		
Transportation	1,493	30
All School Transportation	8,600	00
Boston City Wards	1,036	69
Vocational Education	120	50
Total Reimbursements	\$24,553	95

TAXATION COST OF SCHOOLS

Total Expenditures	\$60,929	63
Reimbursements	24,553	95
Net Cost by Taxation		\$36,375 68

EXPENDITURES

School Committee Expense	\$	65	00
Superintendent's Salary	2,559	86	
Superintendent's Expense	296	00	
Supervisors' Salaries	1,758	16	
Teachers' Salaries	32,759	05	

Textbooks	1,079	86
School Supplies	1,311	43
Wages of Janitor	2,983	33
Fuel	1,783	06
Janitor's Supplies	576	69
Telephones	134	50
Electricity	396	56
Labor	90	50
Advertising	16	88
Police Protection	37	50
Commissioner of Public Safety	10	00
Replacements	320	00
Trash Removal	23	75
Repairs	2,670	56
Library	10	50
Health	486	32
Transportation	10,363	52
New Equipment	1,069	06
School Lunch Program	127	54
Total Expenditures	—————	\$60,929 63

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of Mendon:

Once again it is our pleasant duty to make our annual report to you, as your representatives in our public school system.

Two new teachers were added to our staff this year, due to the resignation of Mrs. Rita Bishop and Mrs. Bertha Hammann. Mrs. Bishop was replaced by Mrs. Margaret Hubert of Milford and Mrs. Hammann by Miss Patricia Goguen of Blackstone.

This is the second year that art has been taught in the school under the able supervision of Miss E. Jane Coleman. It is very gratifying to observe the results of this instruction, through the pupils' expression of their imagination and talent.

A new floor was laid in the first grade room, and the driveway at the rear of the school was enlarged and extended to the south door during the past summer vacation.

The school lunch program, which is a necessary function in our school, is doing a wonderful job in providing hot lunches for our children at noon. Mrs. Dautrich, ably assisted by Mrs. Wright, is to be congratulated for her part in making this program such a success. A new deep freeze was added to the cafeteria equipment this year and is proving to be a very efficient addition.

The committee is ever mindful that a large part of the tax dollar goes towards educating our children; however, since we feel that the children are entitled to a pleasant and cheerful place in which to study and work, it is our aim to keep the school building in as good repair as is possible. With this in mind, we

would like to list the repairs we believe necessary:

Paint outside of building one coat.

Start the program of painting the inside over again.

Paint and repair fence.

Install automatic valves to equalize the heating of the building.

Patch tennis court which is now being used as a basketball court.

Enlarge the driveway at rear of school and hard top it.

Put in new floor in the 4th grade room.

Put new top on chimney which is cracked.

This year the student-driver training program, as prescribed by the Registry of Motor Vehicles, is to be included in the school activities. This is a very outstanding program as it not only teaches the students the proper method of operating a motor vehicle, but also teaches them a sound and comprehensive knowledge of the rules and regulations for operating that motor vehicle on the highways of the Commonwealth. We are indebted to Mr. Herman Ryan of the Ryan Motor Sales, Milford, who is providing the school with an automobile for the cost of \$1.00 per year. We are indeed fortunate to have such a man as Mr. Ryan, who is interested and willing to help the students become better and safer drivers.

Due to the increase in school membership, there is a growing need for either a new school or an addition on the existing school building. From 1947 to 1953 there was an increase of 98 in the number of pupils attending school. The figures taken from the birth rate of the town plus a small percentage to allow for new families moving into town show that there will be an increase of 123 pupils by 1960. At present our school is carrying a capacity load of 345 pupils and there is no room for any expansion in the present building. The committee feels that this situation should be brought to the attention of the Townspeople

at this time because of the definite need for some action. One tentative solution to this problem would be to appoint a committee to investigate the possibility of a regional high school. The function of this committee would be to contact the committees in some of the adjacent towns who are confronted with the same problem and to ascertain the feasibility of said towns joining together and erecting a regional high school for the common purpose of educating our children. Another possible solution would be to appoint a building committee to study the possibility of building a new school.

We wish to take this opportunity to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to Mr. Rowe, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Clough, Principal, and to the staff for their co-operation in maintaining a high standard of instruction.

We also wish to thank the P. T. A. and the townspeople for their support and co-operation and Mr. Jesse White and Mr. Harold Barrows, Transportation agents, for their co-operation in transporting the pupils to and from school safely.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT F. BOWEN, Chairman

HARRY C. YORK

GORDON R. GOOD, Secretary

Mendon School Committee

AGE AND GRADE CHART

October 1, 1953

GRADE	AGE													Total Boys	Total Girls	Total
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18		
I	B G	5 4	16 10											21	14	35
II	B G	6 3	13 14	1 1										20	18	38
III	B G			10 1	5 16	1 2								16	19	35
IV	B G			2	12	1								15	11	26
V	B G					10	1									
					3	14	2							19	25	44
					7	18										
VI	B G					4	13	2						19	20	39
						4	15	1								

VII	B	3	7	1	2	1		14	19	33
	G	6	12				1			
VIII	B	3	6	2	2	3		14	7	21
	G		5	2						
IX	B	1	6	2	1			10	11	21
	G		3	8						
X	B	2	4	3	1			10	13	23
	G	2	9	2						
XI	B	4	2					6	6	12
	G						6			
XII	B	2	1					3	15	18
	G	4	9	2						

Totals	9	35	28	30	39	43	39	25	16	24	19	22	13	2	167	178	345
Boys	5	22	13	13	20	20	18	12	8	12	10	10	4		167		
Girls	4	13	15	17	19	23	21	13	8	12	9	13	9	2		178	

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee of Mendon:

Gentlemen:

It is with pleasure that I submit for your consideration my eleventh annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

There were two changes in the school faculty during 1953. Mrs. Bertha Hammann, who had been with us for several years, resigned at the close of school in June. Mrs. Rita Bishop, who had been with us for two years, resigned in the summer to take a position in Milford. We miss these two capable teachers. Miss Patricia Gogen, of Blackstone, a graduate of Boston University, was engaged to replace Mrs. Hammann in Grade One. Mrs. Margaret Hubert of Milford, a graduate of Framingham Teachers College, was selected to replace Mrs. Bishop in Grade Five.

The most serious problem facing the School Department at the present time is that of increased enrollment. On October 1, 1953, there were 345 pupils registered. Of these, 217 were in Grades One to Six, 54 in Grades Seven and Eight, and 74 in Grades Nine to Twelve. This is the largest enrollment we have ever had. The lowest attendance was 247 pupils in 1946. Since then there has been a gain of 96. Leading educators affirm that the size of a class in the elementary grades should not exceed twenty-five. There certainly should not be more than thirty in one grade. All of the grades in our school except one are far over this number. The Age-Grade-Enrollment chart will show sizes of all classes. One class, Grade Five, has 44 pupils, which is actually about a class and a half. It is far too large for best teaching and instruction. Birth rates are increasing each

year. Taking a five-year average it has been found that there are actually 12% more children entering Grade One than were born six years previously. In about two years time there could well be two sections of Grade One, making two classrooms necessary for this grade.

The following table shows the actual enrollment and predicted enrollment from 1946 to 1960. Figures up to, and including 1953 are actual. Figures for 1954, and beyond, are estimated.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
1946—	19	21	25	18	29	20	41	16	21	15	11	11	247
1947—	25	20	24	25	20	28	28	28	16	16	12	7	249 + 2
1948—	32	21	18	22	22	20	27	27	23	12	13	12	249 same
1949—	32	36	24	21	27	27	23	23	24	18	12	12	279 + 30
1950—	28	38	36	27	24	24	33	19	19	22	16	11	297 + 18
1951—	27	31	43	45	29	24	27	32	17	23	16	13	327 + 30
1952—	39	35	28	42	39	30	21	22	28	14	19	17	334 + 7
1953—	35	38	35	26	44	39	33	21	21	23	12	18	345 + 11
1954—	41	35	38	35	27	45	39	34	21	20	21	11	367
1955—	32	41	35	38	35	27	45	39	31	20	18	18	379
1956—	46	32	41	35	38	35	27	44	36	28	18	16	396
1957—	46	46	32	41	35	38	35	27	41	33	26	16	416
1958—	50	46	46	32	41	35	38	35	27	37	29	22	438
1959—	54	50	46	46	32	41	38	35	34	23	32	25	456
1960—	56	54	50	46	46	32	40	37	31	30	19	27	468

Table Showing Number of Births and Number of Pupils Entering Grade One Six Years Later. (Figures beyond 1953 are estimated)

Year	No. Births	Year	Size Grade One Six Years Later
1940	25	1946	19
1941	28	1947	25

1942	37	1948	32
1943	32	1949	32
1944	25	1950	28
1945	18	1951	27
1946	32	1952	39
1947	28	1953	37
1948	37	1954	41
1949	28	1955	32
1950	41	1956	46
1951	41	1957	46
1952	45	1958	50
1953	48	1959	54
1954	50	1960	56

The enrollment figures have been increasing gradually since 1948. The capacity of the school building is now taxed to its maximum. The next few years will see sharper increases. It appears very likely that within two or three years the present school building will be unable to accommodate all of the children of the town. It would seem absolutely essential to take some action immediately in regard to school housing.

Classroom instruction has continued on a high level. The low turnover of teachers from one year to another is beneficial to our school system. Our pupils are well supplied with modern textbooks. They have all of the various materials needed for good instruction. Considerable testing has been done, which gives a better understanding of the individual child and his needs. During the year a new electric typewriter, a new calculating machine, and a new mimeograph machine have been added to the High School Commercial Department, thereby greatly enriching this program. Several of our teachers have taken, or are taking, educational courses. The work of our three supervisory departments, handwriting, music, and art has shown the usual high degree of efficiency.

The School Department has decided to introduce a course in driver education in the High School. This course consists of classroom instruction and practice on the road with a driver-education car. Instructors must be certified by the State Registry of Motor Vehicles. Mr. Clough, our instructor, has taken the required course at Northeastern University. Pupils must be 16 years of age, or over, in order to participate in actual driving instruction on the road. This course is a very important part of our highway safety program. It will teach correct and courteous driving procedure and tend to greatly lessen highway fatalities and injuries on our highways. Students who successfully complete the course will be enabled to purchase car insurance at a reduced rate.

Miss Margaret Shea, a supervisor in the State Department of Education, visited the school in October. Miss Shea was able to observe briefly the work in all classrooms. A general teachers' meeting was held at the close of school, at which Miss Shea discussed modern educational theory, practice, and techniques, especially in regard to curriculum. A question and answer period closed the meeting. This meeting greatly benefited the faculty members.

American Education Week was observed in November. Many parents visited the school and classes at the time. A special "Open House" night was held in order that parents might have the opportunity to see the various exhibits of classroom work and talk with the teachers in regard to the educational progress of their children. A large number of parents were present. Such parent-teacher conferences are very helpful. Parents are cordially invited to visit classes at any time.

The school lunch program has been most successful during the past year. All pupils have the opportunity of purchasing a well-balanced hot lunch at a very nominal cost. A very large percentage of pupils are taking advantage of the excellently prepared hot meals. Much credit should go to Mrs. Dautrich

and her assistant, Mrs. Wright, for the continued success of this important school function. The work of the many interested parents who assist in preparing and serving the meals is also deeply appreciated. A new deep freeze unit was installed during the summer vacation.

A registration and visiting day was held in May for children who planned to enter school in September. A large percentage of parents brought their children to the school, registered them, and spent the remainder of the afternoon visiting. Another registration day will be held next May, and it is hoped that all parents will register their children then, and not wait until the opening day of school in September, 1954. It is most important that the School Department knows in advance how many first graders to prepare for. It also saves a great deal of time on the opening day of school.

The annual registration of all minors in town between the ages of 5 and 16 was taken in October, 1953. The results are shown in the following table:

DISTRIBUTION OF MINORS

	5 years or over and under 7	7 years or over and under 16
Boys	43	135
Girls	31	142
Totals	74	277
In Public School Membership	47	264
In Private School Membership	2	13
Not enrolled in any school	25	0
Totals	74	277

In addition to regular routine repairs, such as plumbing, heating, and electrical work, the following has been accomplished:

A new rotary lawn mower purchased

New floor (First Grade room)
 Floor repairs (corridors)
 New cabinets (office)
 Repairs to grounds
 New electric typewriter
 New electric calculating machine
 New mimeograph
 New deep freeze (lunch room)

Among the more important items that should be taken care of in the coming year are the following: exterior painting, interior painting, further improvements to grounds, a new floor in one classroom, possible roof repairs, and some fence repair and fence painting.

In closing I wish to express to you my sincere thanks for your efforts in making the year a most successful one. The assistance and co-operation of the Principal, Mr. Clough, the teachers, supervisors, school physician, school nurse, townspeople, parents and pupils are also deeply appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

PERCY L. ROWE,

Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

To Mr. Percy L. Rowe,
Superintendent of Schools:

I herewith submit the annual report of Mendon of High and Center School for the year ending December 31, 1953.

The graduation exercises of the Class of 1953 were held on the evening of Wednesday, June 17, 1953. The members of the graduating class were Alden B. Chick, Marilyn R. Chick, Dorothy W. Hart, Claire M. Lamothe, Mathew M. Mantoni, Richard G. Morton, Janet M. Parkinson, George W. Phipps, Robert R. Rhodes, Iris B. Rogers, Justine A. Southwick, Bruce A. Thomas, Joyce A. Twitchell, Wayne F. Wagner, Richard E. Watson, and Bette J. York. Seven members of the class are this year enrolled in post-secondary institutions of higher learning or training.

First place in scholarship was attained by Iris B. Rogers, and second place honors by Wayne F. Wagner. The winner of the Alumni Medal presented by the Mendon High School Alumni Association was Justine A. Southwick. Alden B. Chick was the winner of the American Legion Medal presented by the Roger L. Wood Post of the American Legion. The Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate were awarded to Justine A. Southwick.

Bruce A. Thomas was elected by the student body of the school to represent Mendon High School on Student Government Day held at the State House in Boston. Howard F. Phipps and Betty A. Desmarais were chosen as delegates for the conventions of Boys' and Girls' States conducted in June by the American Legion and the Legion Auxillary.

This year's senior play, Our Miss Brooks, was presented on the evening of December 11, 1953 at the Mendon Town Hall

to a capacity audience. The proceeds of the play were added to the Washington Trip Fund. On March 20, 1953, a school minstrel show was presented at the Mendon Town Hall.

During the spring vacation week the Senior Class made the annual trip to Washington, D. C.

Prize Speaking was held at Mendon Town Hall on March 13, 1953. The following pupils presented selections: Charles F. Avery, Jane L. Avery, Cornelius B. Bracco, Joanne Goodnow, Helen A. Hamilton, Maureen A. Smith, Sandra G. Southwick, George W. York, Jr. First prize was won by Helen A. Hamilton, second prize by Joanne Goodnow, and third prize by Charles F. Avery.

In observance of American Education Week, an open house evening was held November 12, 1953 at the Center School. The attendance on the part of the parents was especially good and showed a substantial gain over the attendance of last year.

The enrollment of the school as a whole shows an increase of 13 as compared with the figures of December, 1952. The enrollment figures by grades on December 23, 1953 are as follows: Grade I-32, Grade II-37, Grade III-35, Grade IV-24, Grade V-44, Grade VI-39, Grade VII-31, Grade VIII-21, Grade IX-21, Grade X-24, Grade XI-12, Grade XII-18.

As a supplement to general suggestions and counsel on good study habits given in school, there is one additional factor which merits a brief comment in the annual report of the school. Back of every significant achievement there are endless details and plans. This is especially true of formal education, particularly that part acquired during the high school years. The wise student plans his work and carries out the plan daily, weekly, and yearly. He must have a schedule, and he must follow it, if he is to achieve to the extent of his capacity. Home preparation is an essential part of this schedule and no pupil is getting his proper return on his four years in high school if he does not

consistently and efficiently spend extra hours in home study each day of the school year. The alternative to liberal home study is a school day of greater length.

Parents are cordially invited to visit school and to confer with teachers and principal at any time.

In conclusion, I wish to thank Mr. Percy L. Rowe, Superintendent of Schools, the School Committee, the Mendon Parent-Teacher Association, and the townspeople of Mendon for their assistance and fine co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY P. CLOUGH, Principal

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

December 28, 1953

Percy L. Rowe, Superintendent of Schools

Mendon School Department

Mendon, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

The following is the annual report for school examinations. In the hundred and eleven children examined the following defects were found:

Heart Murmurs	2
Tonsils and Inflamed Throats	3
Excess Cerumin	1

Ear Conditions	3
Referred for dental evaluations	47
Lymphadenopathy	1
Post-nasal drip	1
Vitamin Deficiency	1
Acne	2
Athlete's Foot	1
Asthma	1

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. LUKERT, M.D.

School Physician

SCHOOL NURSE'S ANNUAL REPORT

1953

Mr. Percy L. Rowe,

Superintendent of Schools:

May we submit to you the Annual School Nursing Report for the year ending December, 1953.

As is customary, the Mendon School was visited once per week by the school nurse.

In the early spring a series of three antigen clinics were held. Dr. Allain, school physician at that time, assisted by the district nurses, conducted these clinics.

Registration was held at the school on May 22nd, with the school nurse assisting. In the early part of the year we had a

mild chicken pox and mumps epidemic; and the latter part, a mild German measles epidemic. Sore throats, colds, and various absentees were reported and investigated.

Antigen clinics were held in Mendon School on March 17th, April 28th and May 26th. Dr. Allain, assisted by the nurses, conducted the clinics. Many hours of preparatory work were taken to make this event the success it was.

The State Department again loaned us the audiometer. The testing was done by the school nurse. This examination is an addition to the health of our school children.

All children were inspected, weighed and measured at intervals during the school year. Dr. Ronald Leukert, the newly appointed school doctor, assisted by the school nurse, has completed the physical examinations of all pupils present in Grades 1, 4, 7 and 9.

The following defects were found amongst the children examined by Dr. Leukert:

Heart murmurs	2
Tonsils and inflamed throats	3
Ear conditions	3
Wax in ears	1
Referred for dental evaluations	47
Swollen glands	1
Nasal drip	1
Vitamin deficiency	1
Wheezes in chest	1
Acne	2
Athlete's foot	1

The following is a summary of the work done by the nurse in her visits to the school:

1. Inspection of pupils	652
2. Pupils inspected for disease	206
3. Pupils recommended for exclusion	12
4. Pupils and nurse conferences	122
5. Pupils treated for minor injuries	68
6. Nurse and teacher conferences	215
7. Home visits	50

In closing may we express our thanks to Dr. Allain and Dr. Leukert for their co-operation throughout the year.

May we thank Mr. Rowe, Mr. Clough, the teachers and parents for their courtesy and co-operation; the school committee, and town officials for their support.

GRACE MORAN, R.N.

Supervisor of Nurses

MUSIC SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

To the Superintendent of Schools:

My dear Mr. Rowe:

The music program in the Mendon Schools is being carried out with the usual elasticity, necessary because of the difference in the caliber of the classes. We concentrate on note reading and the production of good tone, always bearing in mind that the aim of Music Education in the Public Schools is primarily intended to create a love and appreciation of good music.

Last October, in Hayden Memorial Building, there was an interesting joint meeting of Teachers of Singing and School Music Supervisors. "Vocal Problems," a subject of interest to both parties, was presented and dealt with through a panel discussion. It was the general opinion that "the chief requisites for tools for correct voice instruction, are that the instructor should have experienced voice placement and the feeling of breath release." Miss Gertrude Tingley, a past-President of the Massachusetts Association of Teachers of Singing, and with whom I have taken several courses in voice technics, presided at the meeting and stressed the importance of correct breathing and tone placement. I find both these factors vital to choral training in order to acquire true beauty of tone with effortless flexibility. Maybe key signatures and scale progressions will be forgotten and maybe we will not develop any "prima donnas," but I believe that an ideal of good tone and an attitude of love and enthusiasm for fine music will continue, and will contribute something toward happiness in life.

During the days of the Christmas season, I approved of the singing in school of such songs as "Rudolph" and White Christmas." I think that these two popular songs, and some others, have become part of the American scene. And I think that they can be sung with as correct tone, fine phrasing and good interpretation as the arranged foreign folk tunes that we sing each year.

In closing, again I want to thank you, Mr. Rowe, all the teachers, and everyone connected with the school program, for their fine and continued co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

CHRISTINE M. WILSON,

Supervisor of Music

REPORT OF ART SUPERVISOR

To Mr. Percy L. Rowe
Superintendent of Schools

Dear Mr. Rowe,

During the past year the boys and girls of Mendon have enjoyed many opportunities for discovering and displaying their creative abilities in art.

Several pupils designed and submitted posters to the annual poster contest held by the Massachusetts S. P. C. A. in the

Spring. Prizes were awarded by the S. P. C. A. to Ronald Bethel and Jeanne Gaskill of Grade Five.

During National Art Week in November, fifty pupils from grades one through six displayed drawings and designs at the Taft Public Library. This same display was used at the school during National Education Week.

During the festive holiday season, pupils designed and made Christmas cards, favors, window decorations and home decorations, thus giving them ample opportunity to work with various media.

Mechanical Drawing students in the high school have become familiar with the various phases of working drawings, perspective, scale drawings and surface development.

I wish to thank you, Mr. Rowe, the School Committee, Mr. Clough, and the teachers in Mendon for such fine co-operation in the art program for our school.

Respectfully submitted,

E. JANE COLEMAN,

Supervisor of Art

PRIZE SPEAKING CONTEST

MENDON TOWN HALL—Friday, March 13, 1953

The Blue-Eyed Sheik	Kimball
Charles F. Avery	
The Thing	Wilde
Sandra Southwick	
The Man Who Walks Alone	Lowther
Cornelius Bracco	
Village Chimes	Czechoslovakian Folk Tune
Grade Six Chorus	
Angel Wings	Black
Joanne Goodnow	
The Death Disk	Twain
Jane Avery	
What Timothy Whispered to God	Donnell
Maureen Smith	
One Star Shines Out	Sharpe
Grade Six Chorus	
Dark Victory	Brewer and Block
Helen Hamilton	
The Pit and the Pendulum	Poe
George York	
One Night in Mexico	Mexican Folk Tune
Grade Six Chorus	
Decision of Judges	

GRADUATION EXERCISES
OF
MENDON HIGH SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 1953

Processional—Pomp and Circumstance	Elgar
Mrs. Bertha B. Rogers	
Invocation	Rev. Truman L. Hayes
Salutatory and Essay	Wayne F. Wagner
Our Men of Vision	
Essay	Janet M. Parkinson
England's Coronation	
Essay	Richard G. Morton
A Forgotten Problem	
Song—You'll Never Walk Alone	Rodgers
High School Chorus	
Essay	Justine A. Southwick
Our President	
Essay	Alden B. Chick
The Graduate of 1953 and the Draft	
Essay	Bruce A. Thomas
Attitudes and Inventions	
Song—Oklahoma	Rodgers
High School Chorus	

Essay and Valedictory	Iris B. Rogers
Aiding the Handicapped	
Diploma—Award Presentation	Herbert Bowen
Chairman of School Committee	
Star Spangled Banner—	
Benediction	Rev. Truman L. Hayes
Recessional—Marche Romaine	Gounod
Mrs. Bertha B. Rogers	

GRADUATES OF MENDON HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1953

Alden B. Chick
 Marilyn R. Chick
 Dorothy Hart
 Claire M. Lamothe
 Matthew M. Mantoni
 Richard G. Morton
 Janet M. Parkinson
 George W. Phipps
 Robert R. Rhodes
 Iris B. Rogers
 Justine A. Southwick
 Bruce A. Thomas
 Joyce A. Twitchell
 Wayne F. Wagner
 Richard E. Watson
 Bette J. York

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Worcester, ss.

*TO THE CONSTABLE of the TOWN of MENDON in the
COUNTY of WORCESTER, Greeting:*

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Mendon qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the
TOWN HALL

in said Mendon on MONDAY the FIRST day of MARCH
AD. 1954 punctually at 9:00 o'clock A.M., to act on

Article 1.

Article 2 and all following Articles on this Warrant will
be acted upon Friday the fifth day of March at 7:00 P.M.

Article 1. To bring in their ballots for the following Town
Officers:

- One Moderator for one year;
- One Town Clerk for one year;
- One Selectman for three years;
- One Assessor for three years;
- One Town Treasurer for one year;
- One Constable for one year;
- One Tree Warden for one year;
- One Trustee of the Taft Public Library for
two years;

One Member of the School Committee for
three years;

One Park Commissioner for three years;

One Highway surveyor for one year;

One Water Commissioner for three years;

all on one ballot, designating the office intended for each person.

Article 2. To hear the reports of the several Town Officers and Committees and act thereon.

Article 3. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 4. To appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town expenses for the financial year beginning January 1, 1954.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1954 and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year and to renew any note or notes as may be given for the period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 6. To see if the Town will appropriate any sum of money for the improvement and repairs of highways, to be expended under the direction of the Massachusetts Department of Public Works as provided under Chapter 81 of the General Laws as amended, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 7. To see if the Town will appropriate any sum of money for the operation and repairs of Town machinery, a part or whole to be taken from the Road Machinery Fund, or take any action in relation to the same.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate any sum of money for the maintenance of Chapter 90 Roads, said money to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State and County for this purpose, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate any sum of money for Chapter 90 New Construction provided the State and County will contribute for such work under the provisions of Chapter 90 of the General Laws.

Article 10. To see what action the Town will take regarding any legal proceedings that may be brought against or by the Town.

Article 11. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell any or all real estate owned by the Town by reason of the foreclosure of Tax Title thereon and to execute, acknowledge and deliver a proper deed or deeds therefor, authority therefor to terminate March 7, ~~1954~~ ¹⁹⁵⁵ or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the dog license refund from the Worcester County in 1954 to be used for general school expenses in 1954, or to take any action in relation to the same.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$5,000. from available funds to the Stabilization Fund, as defined in Chapter 124, Acts of 1945 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to have the Town Treasurer elected for a term of three years, said term beginning in 1955.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout of Taft Avenue as laid out by the County Engineers, or take any action on same.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000. for the completion of Taft Avenue, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250. for the purpose of taking the State Census January 1, 1955 in accordance with Chapter 9, Section 7 of the General Laws.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$236.00 to install a gas heater in the Record Room or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300. for repairs to the Old Library building or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2000. for the purpose of removing the partition between the rooms in the lower town hall to provide one large banquet hall, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500. for fire hose, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to have a committee of three, appointed by the Moderator, to investigate the advisability of having a piece of fire apparatus in the East Mendon section of the town; said committee to report back at the next annual Town Meeting, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,150. to buy a piece of land on North Avenue adjacent to the school building, owned by Carlton Goss, for a possible school site, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to appoint a committee of nine to study the advisability of a Town Water System

and to report their findings at a Special Town Meeting no later than September 30th, 1954; said committee to consist of the Board of Selectmen, Board of Water Commissioners and the remaining three members to be appointed from the floor, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Moderator to appoint a three member regional school district planning committee to study the possibilities of a regional high school, containing at least one member of the School Committee.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following by-law or take any other action in relation thereto:

"No person shall remove any soil, loam, sand, or gravel from any land in the town not in public use unless such removal is authorized by a permit issued by the Board of Selectmen, except in conjunction with the construction of a building on the parcel and except for the continued operation on the same parcel of an existing sand and gravel pit. No such permit shall be issued until an application therefor is filed with said board. Said Board shall hold a public hearing on the application and notice of the filing of such application, and the date and time of the public hearing thereon shall be advertised in a paper published in the County seven days at least before the public hearing."

Article 27. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$1,400. for the purchase of a half-ton pick-up truck, the whole to be taken from the Road Machinery Fund, or take any action in relation to same.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 207, of the Acts of 1946 which permits the Selectmen to grant licenses for the operation of bowling alleys on the Lord's Day.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500. for a drainage system on Hartford

Ave., West to alleviate the situation now existing whereby the drainage from the road is washing away the land on the property owned by James A. and Lucy A. Mathewson, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,700. for Civilian Defense in order to purchase and install in a fire truck a two-way radio; and to purchase a 5000 watt generator, or take any action in relation thereto.

POLLS WILL CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in said Mendon and causing a copy to be published once in the Milford Daily News, a newspaper published in Milford, Mass., both said posting and publication to be at least seven days before the time of the meeting hereby ordered to be held.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk of said town before the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Mendon, this Twenty-fifth day of January A.D. 1954.

ERNEST P. WOOD

HAROLD METCALF

JOHN L. LUNDVALL

Selectmen of Mendon

A true copy, attest:

HAROLD C. BARROWS

Constable of Mendon

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Article 4.

	1953 Appropriations	Transfers	Expenditures	1954 Recom- mendations
Moderator's Salary	\$25 00	.....	\$25 00 ✓	\$25 00 ✓
Selectmen's Salaries	700 00	.....	700 00	700 00 ✓
Selectmen's Expense	150 00	50 00	186 89	200 00 ✓
Treasurer's Salary	700 00	.....	700 00	700 00 ✓
Treasurer's Expense	200 00	.....	186 99	200 00 ✓
Town Accountant's Salary	400 00	.....	400 00	400 00 ✓
Town Accountant's Expense	75 00	.....	36 35	50 00 ✓
Town Clerk's Salary	250 00	.....	250 00	250 00 ✓
Town Clerk's Expense	500 00	.....	431 58	450 00 ✓
Tax Collector's Salary	925 00	.....	925 00	925 00 ✓
Tax Collector's Expense	225 00	1 41	226 41	250 00 ✓
Assessors' Salaries	700 00	.....	700 00	700 00 ✓
Assessors' Expense	300 00	.....	299 48	300 00 ✓
Elections and Registrations	600 00	.....	534 25	600 00 ✓
Town Counsel's Salary	100 00	.....	100 00	100 00 ✓
Town Counsel's Expense	75 00	.....	75 00	75 00 ✓
Clerical Hire for Town Officers	300 00	.....	299 70	300 00 ✓
Town Officers' Bonds	265 00	.....	244 00	240 00 ✓

Town Hall Maintenance	900 00	.....	793 70	900 00 ✓
Record Room Maintenance	350 00	16 20	366 20	375 00 ✓
Heat and Lights—Town Buildings	3,000 00	.....	2,652 82	3,000 00 ✓
Constable's Salary	25 00	.....	25 00	25 00 ✓
Police Department	3,000 00	27 38	3,027 38	3,500 00 ✓
Fire Department	2,000 00	56 15	2,056 15	2,000 00 ✓
Forest Fire Department	500 00	.....	499 10	500 00 ✓
Dog Officer	100 00	36 00	136 00	100 00 ✓
Sealer of Weights and Measures	50 00	.....	50 00	50 00 ✓
Board of Health	1,700 00	.....	1,070 65	1,500 00 ✓
Tree Warden	750 00	202 25	952 25	1,300 00 ✓
Insect Pest Control (Moth Suppression)	200 00	.....	200 00	652 87 ✓
Dutch Elm Disease Control	500 00	.....	500 00	326 44 ✓
Inspector of Animals	150 00	.....	150 00	150 00 ✓
Inspector of Slaughtering	25 00	.....	25 00	25 00 ✓
Wiring Inspector	80 00	10 00	90 00	80 00 ✓
General Repairs	2,000 00	.....	1,997 80	2,100 00 ✓
Snow Removal	6,000 00	.....	4,239 73	6,000 00 ✓
Street Lighting	744 00	.....	643 95	819 00 ✓
Public Welfare Salaries	45 00	.....	45 00	45 00 ✓
Public Welfare, Temporary Aid	6,000 00	.....	5,071 19	6,000 00 ✓
Aid to Dependent Children	2,000 00	2,000 00	2,187 42	1,500 00 ✓

Old Age Assistance	16,000 00	.....	15,979 83	16,000 00 ✓
O.A.A. Administration	750 00	.....	750 00	935 00 ✓
Veterans' Benefits	500 00	624 36	1,124 36	2,000 00 ✓
Administration of Veterans' Benefits	100 00	.....	100 00	100 00 ✓
School Department	60,449 16	495 84	60,929 63	64,433 61 ✓
Taft Public Library	810 00	60 00	870 00	1,050 00 ✓
Vocational Education	1,000 00	.....	755 20	1,500 00 ✓
Water Dept. Maintenance	750 00	.....	663 45	1,000 00 ✓
Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves	30 00	.....	30 00	30 00 ✓
Park Department	200 00	200 00	361 20	350 00 ✓
Memorial Day Celebration	225 00	.....	212 70	225 00 ✓
Insurance on Town Buildings	1,700 00	.....	1,644 83	1,800 00 ✓
Town Reports	620 00	.....	620 00	660 00 ✓
Reserve Fund	2,000 00	.....	1,283 75	2,000 00 ✓
Maturing Debt	4,000 00	9,000 00	13,000 00	2,000 00 ✓
Interest on Maturing Debt	733 75	.....	733 75	438 75 ✓
Interest on Temporary Loans	200 00	.....	.....	200 00 ✓
Tax Title Foreclosure	50 00	29 70	36 00 ✓
Worcester County Ret. Expense Fund	839 00	839 00	1,233 48 ✓

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1954 RECOMMENDATIONS

- Article 6. \$3,700 00 Chapter 81
- Article 7. \$3,200 00 Road Machinery repairs
- Article 8. \$1,200 00 Chapter 90 Maintenance
- Article 9. \$2,500 00 Chapter 90 Construction
- Article 12. Approved
- Article 13. Approved
- Article 16. No action
- Article 17. Approved
- Article 18. Approved
- Article 19. Approved
- Article 20. Approved
- Article 21. Approved
- Article 23. Approved
- Article 27. Not approved
- Article 29. Approved
- Article 30. No action

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TOWN OFFICERS

of the

TOWN OF MENDON

including the report of the

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

for the

MUNICIPAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1954

288TH ANNUAL REPORT

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TOWN OF MENDON

Town of Mendon Incorporated May 15, 1667.

Population 1619, 1950 Census.

Registered Voters in 1954, 966

Annual Election: First Monday in March.

Annual Meeting:

First Friday Evening after the first Monday in March.

County Commissioners:

Francis E. Cassidy, Chairman	Webster
Edward P. Bird	Fitchburg
Joseph A. Aspero	Worcester

Fourteenth Congressional District:

Congressman, Joseph William Martin, Jr.

North Attleboro

Fourth Senatorial District:

Senator, Alfred B. Cenedella, Jr. Milford

Eighth Worcester Representative District:

Representatives General Court:

Charles Mullaly, Jr.	Millville
Charles E. Luke Driscoll	Northbridge

Sheriff for Worcester County:

William A. Bennett Worcester

TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

Roy A. Barrows

Selectmen

Harold Metcalf	Term expires 1955
John L. Lundvall	Term expires 1956
Ernest P. Wood	Term expires 1957

Board of Public Welfare,

Board of Health and Fence Viewers

Harold Metcalf	John L. Lundvall	Ernest P. Wood
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Town Clerk

Albert S. Coleman

Town Treasurer

Charles F. Leonard

Tax Collector

Arthur P. Dalton	Term expires 1955
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Assessors

Donald B. Lowell	Term expires 1955
Carl M. Taft, Clerk	Term expires 1956
D. Kinsley Barnes	Term expires 1957

School Committee

*Herbert F. Bowen	Term expires 1955
Harry C. York	Term expires 1956
Gordon R. Good	Term expires 1957

*Resigned June 1954 - Chester F. FitzGerald appointed to fill vacancy until March 1955.

Superintendent of Schools

Percy L. Rowe

Trustees of Taft Public Library

Henry P. Clough, Secretary	Term expires 1955
Vestella M. Daniels	Term expires 1956
Harold Metcalf Percy L. Rowe Herbert F. Bowen	

Water Commissioners

Donato F. Leone	Term expires 1955
Franklin E. Goodnow	Term expires 1956
*Everett G. Watson	Term expires 1957

*Died May 1954 - Clarence E. Varney appointed to fill vacancy until March 1955.

Park Commissioners

Norry J. Daige	Term expires 1955
Fred R. Phipps	Term expires 1956
George A. Johnson	Term expires 1957
Constable	Harold C. Barrows
Tree Warden and Moth Superintendent	William E. Nuttall
Highway Surveyor	William R. Bowen

Officers Appointed by the Selectmen

Chief of Police	Harold C. Barrows
Town Counsel	Shelley D. Vincent
*Dog Officer	Raymond A. Miller
Wiring Inspector	Walter J. Channing
*Sealer of Weights and Measures	Raymond A. Miller
Fire Chief and Forest Warden	Harold F. Lowell
Superintendent of Streets	William R. Bowen
Burial Agent	Norry J. Daige
Custodian of Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves ..	Richard F. Harding
Inspector of Slaughtering	Willard N. Seibert

*Died April 1954 - William D. Rondeau appointed to fill vacancies until March 1955.

Inspector of Animals

Roy A. Barrows

Town Accountant - Helen F. Irons	Term expires 1956
Surveyor of Wood and Bark	Arthur V. Pond
Veterans' Agent	Ernest J. A. Bouchard

Registrars of Voters

Fred L. Kempton	Term expires 1955
Asa B. Vear	Term expires 1956
Joseph W. McEwen	Term expires 1957
Albert S. Coleman, Clerk	

Finance Committee

Franklin E. Goodnow	Term expires 1955
Roy A. Barrows	Term expires 1956
Lee P. McFarland	Term expires 1957

Forest Committee

Charles F. Leonard	Term expires 1955
Harold F. Lowell	Term expires 1956
Norry J. Daige	Term expires 1957

Field Drivers

Alex Woleck	W. Arthur Robinson
	Edward Goss

Caucus Committee

Robert P. Congdon	Philip W. Harding
George P. Hutchinson	

FINANCIAL REPORTS

MODERATOR—SALARY

Appropriation	\$25.00
Expended:	
Roy A. Barrows	\$25.00

SELECTMEN—SALARIES

Appropriation	\$700.00
Expended:	
Harold Metcalf	\$283.33
John L. Lundvall	200.00
Ernest P. Wood	216.67
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Total expended	\$700.00

SELECTMEN—EXPENSES

Appropriation	\$200.00
Expended:	
Printing and postage	\$16.17
Lock Box	5.50
Cahill's News Agency	9.40
Milford Daily News ..	74.00
Dues—State and	
County Association	21.00
Refund on license	15.00
Licenses and permits	4.42
Town maps	9.00
Railway Express	
Agency	2.24
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Total expended	\$156.73

Unexpended	43.27	
	<hr/>	\$200.00

TREASURER—SALARY

Appropriation		\$700.00
Expended:		
Charles F. Leonard		\$700.00

TREASURER—EXPENSES

Appropriation		\$200.00
Expended:		
Postage, stationery ..	\$30.52	
Hobbs & Warren, Inc.	5.61	
State dues	2.00	
Check books	28.80	
Expenses to State		
Meetings	17.50	
Forbes Press	12.50	
Preparing		
Schedule A	15.00	
Cahill's News Agcy.	44.10	
Certification of		
Note	2.00	
Use of car	26.00	
Miscellaneous		
expenses	12.00	
Total expended		\$196.03
Unexpended	3.97	
	<hr/>	\$200.00

TAX TITLE FORECLOSURE

Appropriation	\$36.00	
Transfer from Reserve Fund	52.60	
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Total		\$88.60

Expended:

Shelley D. Vincent:

Services & expenses \$45.00

Recording Fees 43.60

\$88.60

TOWN ACCOUNTANT—SALARY

Appropriation \$400.00

Expended:

Helen F. Irons \$400.00

TOWN ACCOUNTANT—EXPENSES

Appropriation \$50.00

Expended:

Mass. Division of Accounts .. \$48.90

Unexpended 1.10

\$50.00

TOWN CLERK—SALARY

Appropriation \$250.00

Expended:

Albert S. Coleman \$250.00

TOWN CLERK—EXPENSES

Appropriation \$450.00

Expended:

Drummond Press \$1.68

E. Jane Coleman 1.25

Cahill's News Agy. 1.00

Clarke Printing Co 52.00

Recording fees 84.00

Henry Twitchell 19.20

Dues & expenses, Town

Clerks' Meetings 103.50

Palley Office Supply	1.83
Karl Bright, insurance	10.00
Miscellaneous expenses	74.14

Total expended	\$348.60	
Unexpended	101.40	
		<hr/> \$450.00

TAX COLLECTOR—SALARY

Appropriation	\$925.00
Expended:	
Arthur P. Dalton	\$925.00

TAX COLLECTOR—EXPENSE

Appropriation	\$250.00
Expended:	
Barre Gazette,	
supplies	\$66.48
Use of car	10.00
Forbes Press	8.50
Postage	85.00
Deputy Collector's	
Bond	5.00
State Asso. Dues	2.00
Expenses to State	
Meetings	25.00
Cahill's News Agency	4.60
Milford Daily News	6.40
Hobbs & Warren, Inc.	16.47
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Total Expended	\$229.45
Unexpended	20.55
	<hr/> \$250.00

ASSESSORS—SALARIES

Appropriation	\$700.00
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Expended:

Donald B. Lowell	\$200.00
D. Kinsley Barnes	200.00
Carl M. Taft, Clerk	300.00

Total Expended	\$700.00
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ASSESSORS—EXPENSES

Appropriation	\$300.00
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Expended:

Tax Tables	\$1.00
Deed Abstracts	135.27
Hobbs & Warren Inc.	28.50
State & County	
Assn. dues	9.00
D. Kinsley Barnes,	
use of car	10.00
Carl M. Taft	10.00

Total Expended	\$193.77
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Unexpended	106.23
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	\$300.00
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ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS

Appropriation	\$600.00
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Transfer from Reserve Fund	542.93
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Total	\$1,142.93
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Expended:

Town Election	
Payroll	\$130.00
State Primary	
Payroll	67.50
State Election	
Payroll	184.38

Street Listing	187.50
Cahill's News Agy.	10.50
Swan Printers	49.24
Clark Printing Co	257.25
Hobbs & Warren Inc.	29.46
Milford Daily News	79.85
Registrars' Salaries	140.00
Miscellaneous expense	7.25

Total Expended	\$1,142.93
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TOWN COUNSEL—SALARY

Appropriation	\$100.00
Expended:	
Shelley D. Vincent	\$100.00

TOWN COUNSEL—EXPENSE

Appropriation.....	\$75.00	
Transfer from Reserve Fund	63.15	
		\$138.15
Expended:		
Shelley D. Vincent		\$138.15

CLERICAL HIRE FOR TOWN OFFICERS

Appropriation	300.00
Expended:	
Helen F. Irons	\$294.08
Unexpended	5.92
	\$300.00

TOWN OFFICERS' BONDS

Appropriation	\$240.00
Expended:	
Karl A. Bright	\$210.09

Unexpended	29.91	
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TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		\$900.00
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Expended:

J. L. Hammett Co.,	
Equipment	\$92.40
M. M. Goodnow,	
repairs	5.50
C. L. Goss,	
repairs	44.10
Jesse White,	
batteries	49.00
E. T. Powers, repairs	57.24
Raymond Dudley,	
janitor	480.00
Janitor's supplies ...	115.50
Lester Hill, repairs	16.82
Bottled gas	25.22

Total expended	\$885.78	
Unexpended	14.22	
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RECORD ROOM MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		\$375.00
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Expended:

Carrie Marlow,	
janitor	\$50.00
Clark-Shaughnessy,	
fuel	87.35
Sub. Propane Gas	
Corp.,	80.86
Worc. Co. Elec. Co.	9.30

N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	118.00	
Cleaning typewriter	12.10	
C. C. Shattuck,		
supplies	1.25	
Cahill's News Agcy.	2.37	
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Total expended	\$361.23	
Unexpended	13.77	
	<hr/>	\$375.00

RECORD ROOM—GAS HEATER

Appropriation		\$236.00
Expended:		
Merrimack Appliance Co.	\$232.70	
Unexpended	3.30	
	<hr/>	\$236.00

TOWN HALL WELL

Balance unexpended January 1, 1954	\$56.32
Expended:	
M. M. Goodnow Co.	\$56.32

HEAT AND LIGHTS, TOWN HALL, FIRE STATION AND HIGHWAY BARN

Appropriation	\$3,000.00
Expended:	
E. T. Powers, repairs	\$99.44
Worc. Co. Elec. Co.	187.64
H. J. Shaughnessy,	
fuel	2,042.10
Boiler inspection	10.00
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Total expended	\$2,339.18

Transferred to Veterans'		
Benefits	537.00	
Unexpended	123.82	
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LOWER TOWN HALL
REMOVAL OF PARTITION

Appropriation		\$2,000.00
Expended:		
C. L. Goss	\$1,940.20	
Lester Hill	59.80	
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Total expended		\$2,000.00

CONSTABLE—SALARY

Appropriation		\$25 00
Expended:		
Harold C. Barrows		\$25.00

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$3,500.00	
Transfer from Reserve Fund	777.43	
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Total		\$4,277.43
Expended:		
C. C. Shattuck,		
supplies	\$36.67	
Wm. Casey Store Inc.	12.16	
P. O. Furniture Co.	13.44	
L. N. Jaques & Sons	4.50	
Miro-Flex Co.	11.54	
T. E. Morse Co.	1.70	
Bradbury-Locke Co.	37.50	
Officers' Payrolls	2,749.18	

Mileage	1,023.90
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	246.65
Milford Glass & Mirror Co.	13.80
Nick J. Toches	13.00
Printing & postage ..	60.71
Harold Metcalf, expenses	35.15
Mass. Police Chief's Assn.	5.00
L. R. Berger	12.53

Total expended	\$4,277.43
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POLICE ROOM CONSTRUCTION

Balance unexpended January 1, 1954	\$120.42
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Expended :

Linwood Lumber Co.	\$8.15
Wm. Guertin	3.96
Milford Hardware Co.	6.35
Chester Stefanick	54.82
C. C. Shattuck	40.53
Bradbury-Locke Co.	6.61

Total expended	\$120.42
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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$2,000.00
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Transfer from Reserve Fund	21.81
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Total	\$2,021.81
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Expended :

Payrolls	568.00
Sudbury Laboratory	24.50
Salaries	278.50

Carrie Marlow,	
test blowing	50.00
Lakeside Garage,	
repairs	42.94
Worc. Co. Elec. Co. ..	33.00
Gasoline, oil, etc.	77.39
Nat. Fire Protection	
Assn.	8.00
Bigelow Waste Co. ..	24.64
Farrar Co., supplies	305.10
Niro & Niro Co.	142.50
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	248.20
Bouchard Radio	
Service	16.15
E. L. Sabatinelli	
& Son	200.00
Miscellaneous supplies	2.89

Total expended	\$2,021.81
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FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$500.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund	21.93

Total	\$521.93
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Expended:

Farrar Co.,	\$170.00
H. F. Lowell, Warden	25.00
Pay rolls	311.00
Leonard N. Jaques	
& Sons	15.93

Total expended	\$521.93
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FIRE HOSE

Appropriation	\$500.00
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Expended:

Farrar Co.	\$500.00
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DOG OFFICER

Appropriation	\$100.00
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Expended:

William D. Rondeau, board and dispos- ing of 18 dogs	\$77.00
William D. Rondeau, salary and use of car	15.00

Total expended	\$92.00
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Unexpended	8.00
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	<hr/>	\$100.00
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CIVILIAN DEFENSE

Balance on hand January 1, 1954	\$180.03
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Expended:

Bouchard Radio Service	\$4.10
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Balance on hand

December 31, 1954	175.93
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	<hr/>	\$180.03
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SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

Appropriation	\$50.00
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Transfer from Reserve Fund	2.50
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Total	\$52.50
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Expended:

William D. Rondeau, salary and use of car	\$50.00
Miscellaneous expenses	2.50

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WIRE INSPECTOR

Appropriation	\$80.00
Expended:	
Walter J. Channing, salary	\$80.00

BOARD OF HEALTH

Appropriation	\$1,500.00
Expended:	
Ingham's General	
Store	\$3.00
District Nursing	
Assn.	100.00
A. Woleck,	
rent of dump	150.00
Labor and main-	
tenance of dump	745.00
E. F. Smith, M.D.,	
Anti-rabic treatment	\$25.00
Milford Hospital	9.50
Keuffel & Esser Co.	166.75
Worc. Co. Treasurer,	
sanatorium care	30.00
Pondville Hospital ..	70.00
M. M. Goodnow,	
repairs—Town	
Pump	11.25
Comm. of Mass.,	
license	10.00

Total expended	\$1,320.50
Unexpended	179.50
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	\$1,500.00

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Appropriation	\$150.00
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Expended:

Roy A. Barrows	\$150.00
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INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

Appropriation	\$25.00
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Expended:

Willard Seibert	\$25.00
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DUTCH ELM DISEASE CONTROL

Appropriation	\$326.44
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Expended:

P. A. Millis,	
spraying	\$285.00
Wm. Nuttall,	
salary & labor	41.25

Total expended	\$326.25
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Unexpended19
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	<u> </u>	\$326.44
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INSECT PEST CONTROL

Appropriation	\$652.87
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Expended:

Wm. Nuttall, Salary	
and use of car	\$15.75
P. A. Millis, spraying	637.00

Total expended	\$652.75
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Unexpended12
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	<u> </u>	\$652.87
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TREE WARDEN

Appropriation	\$1,300.00
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Expended:

William Nuttall,	
salary	\$12.00
Labor:	
William Nuttall	354.00
George Blanchard	144.00
George Hutchinson	84.00
Harold Metcalf	200.00
Willard Mathewson	30.00
Linwood Mathewson	10.00
Clifford Mathewson	10.00
Earl Arnold,	
power saw	110.00
Milford Daily News	5.82
Price-Fletcher Tree	
Service	265.00

Total expended	\$1,224.82	
Unexpended	75.18	
	<hr/>	\$1,300.00

HURRICANE DAMAGE—"CAROL"

Expenditures:

Labor	\$3,115.75
Town Equipment	160.00
Hired Equipment	22.00
Power Saw	399.60

Total expended	\$3,697.35
State reimbursement	2,980.05
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Balance due Town	\$717.30

HURRICANE DAMAGE—"EDNA"

Expenditures:

Labor	\$341.60
Hired equipment	112.00

Material:

Rosenfeld Sand & Gravel Co.	171.68
Upton Fuel Co.	261.50

Total expended	\$886.78
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STREET LIGHTING

Appropriation	\$819.00
Expended:	
Worcester Co. Elec. Co.	\$819.00

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

GENERAL REPAIRS

Appropriation	\$2,100.00
Expended:	
Labor	\$1,192.76
Town Equipment	136.00
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	165.90
Rosenfeld Sand & Stone Co.	13.05
Upton Fuel & Const. Co.	30.25
Leonard Jaques & Son	29.36
C. C. Shattuck	9.11
Varney Bros. Sand & Gravel Co.	54.00
Dues, State & County Sup. Assn.	7.00
Earl Arnold, lumber	22.00
Smith Hwy. Equip. Co.	14.80
Clark-Shaughnessy Co.	35.63
E. T. Powers	16.98
Wm. H. Casey Store	25.97
Charles Norman	1.75

Mendon Auto Salvage	12.00
Guido Sabatinelli	20.00
William Bowen	3.98
Harold Barrows, Jr.	81.30
Files Equip. Co.	77.85
Walnut Farm Inc.	14.00
Allan Marker Co.	100.84
Ingham's Gen. Store	6.00
W. G. Fiske Co. ....	.48
Bradbury-Locke Co.	5.70
Corbett Concrete	
Pipe Co.	11.26

Total expended	\$2,087.97	
Unexpended	12.03	
	<hr/>	\$2,100.00

SNOW REMOVAL

Appropriation	\$6,000.00
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Expended:

Labor	\$1,698.05
Town Equipment	1,309.80
Hired Equipment	1,472.75
Rosenfeld Sand &	
Stone Co.	526.70
The Chemical Corp.	939.50
Upton Fuel &	
Const. Co.	37.20
Mendon Auto Salvage	16.00

Total expended	\$6,000.00
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NEW PICK-UP TRUCK

Appropriation from Road Machinery Fund	\$1,400.00
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Expended:

Blackstone Garage	\$1,374.40
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Milford Daily News	3.75	
Ingham's Gen. Store	15.00	
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Total expended	\$1,393.15	
Unexpended	6.85	
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CHAPTER 81

Town Appropriation	\$3,700.00	
State Allotment	10,175.00	
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Total		\$13,875.00
Expended :		
Labor	\$5,955.85	
Town Equipment ...	2,210.10	
Hired Equipment ...	782.70	
H. A. Daniels Co.,		
Insurance	452.84	
Rosenfeld Sand &		
Stone Co.	818.38	
Trimount Bituminous		
Products	2,334.03	
Corbett Concrete		
Pipe Co.	61.20	
Upton Fuel &		
Const. Co.	1,252.68	
Roland Temple,		
blasting	7.18	
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Total expended	\$13,874.96	
Unexpended04	
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CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

Town Appropriation	\$1,200.00
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State Allotment	1,200.00	
County Allotment	1,200.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,600.00
Expended:		
Labor	\$347.75	
Town Equipment	287.45	
Trimount Bituminous		
Products	2,516.03	
Rosenfeld Sand &		
Stone Co.	448.77	
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Total Expended		\$3,600.00

CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION — 1953

Unexpended Balance January 1, 1954	\$974.57	
Expended:		
Labor	\$396.20	
Town Equipment	195.00	
Hired Equipment	360.00	
H. A. Daniels Co.,		
Insurance	22.98	
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Total expended	\$974.18	
Unexpended39	
	<hr/>	\$974.57

CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION — 1954

Town Appropriation	\$2,500.00	
State Allotment	5,000.00	
County Allotment	2,500.00	
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Total		\$10,000.00
Expended:		
Labor	\$2,172.10	
Town Equipment	792.00	

Hired Equipment	2,079.75	
Upton Fuel & Const. Co.	3,420.60	
Roland Temple, blasting	23.66	
N. E. Metal Culvert Company	462.89	
Corbett Concrete Pipe Co.	336.00	
Rosenfeld Sand & Stone Co.	46.96	
Trimount Bituminous Products	541.73	
A. Ferrucci	5.00	
H. A. Daniels Co., Insurance	118.81	
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Total expended	\$9,999.50	
Unexpended50	
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DRAINAGE—HARTFORD AVENUE, WEST

Appropriation		\$500.00
Expended:		
Labor	\$164.00	
Town Equipment	42.00	
Hired Equipment	39.00	
Corbett Concrete Pipe Co.	239.94	
Medway Block Co. ..	14.40	
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Total expended	\$499.34	
Unexpended66	
<hr/>		\$500.00

TAFT AVENUE—CONSTRUCTION

Appropriation		\$3,000.00
Expended:		
Labor	\$490.80	
Town Equipment	190.80	
Hired Equipment	598.50	
Upton Fuel & Const. Co.	494.12	
Corbett Concrete Pipe Co.	64.90	
Trimount Bituminous Products	160.88	
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Total expended	\$2,000.00	
Unexpended	1,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,000.00

ROAD MACHINERY—MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS

Transferred from Road Machinery Fund	\$3,200.00
Expended:	
Lakeside Garage	\$412.61
Perkins-Milton Co.	9.89
Mendon Gulf Station	886.52
H. A. Daniels Co., Insurance	121.11
Donald B. Lowell, Insurance	42.60
Karl Bright Ins. Agy.	138.83
Home Nat'l. Bank, note and interest	1,012.50
Bowker-Hamblin- Malmquist	274.17
Upton Fuel & Const. Co.	9.75
Henley-Kimball Co.	3.70

Kelly Farm Equip. Co.	89.37	
Vater's Garage	3.00	
O'Grady Service		
Station	68.75	
Blackstone Garage ..	2.00	
Milford Glass &		
Mirror Co.	6.75	
Turnpike Auto Parts	10.00	
Jesse White	10.75	
Mendon Auto Salvage	71.28	
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Total expended	\$3,173.58	
Unexpended	26.42	
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ROAD MACHINERY FUND

Balance January 1, 1954	\$4,936.95
Transferred to:	
Road Machinery —	
Maintenance and	
Repairs	\$3,200.00
New Pick-up Truck	
Account	1,400.00
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Total transfers	4,600.00
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Balance	\$336.95
Paid to Town Treasurer for use of equipment:	
Hurricane "Carol" ..	\$160.00
Chapter 81	2,210.10
Chapter 90 Const. ..	987.00
Chapter 90 Maint.	287.45
General Repairs	136.00
Snow Removal	1,309.80
Board of Health	48.00
Hartford Ave. W.,	

Drainage	42.00	
Taft Avenue Const.	190.80	
Miscellaneous Rentals	65.00	
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Total receipts	\$5,436.15	
Unexpended balances	33.27	
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		\$5,469.42
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Balance December 31, 1954		\$5,806.37

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE—SALARIES

Appropriation		\$45.00
Expended:		
Harold Metcalf	\$15.00	
John L. Lundvall	15.00	
Ernest P. Wood	15.00	
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Total expended		\$45.00

PUBLIC WELFARE—TEMPORARY AID

Appropriation		\$6,000.00
Expended:		
	(Mendon Settlement)	
Three persons in		
own homes	\$912.58	
One person in Rest		
Home	1,483.02	
One person in other		
Town	124.00	
One family in other		
Town	15.00	
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		\$2,534.60
	(Settlement Other Towns)	
One person boarding	\$28.00	
Five families in own		

homes	2,107.50	
	<hr/>	2,135.50
(No Settlement—Chargeable to State)		
Two persons in own		
homes		554.85
(Disability Assistance)		
Two persons in own		
homes		512.90
(Administration)		
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	\$12.45	
United Community		
Services	10.00	
Hobbs & Warren Inc.	5.06	
	<hr/>	27.51
Total expended		\$5,765.36
Unexpended		234.64
	<hr/>	\$6,000.00
Proportionate share of above expenses:		
State of Massachusetts		\$554.85
Other Cities and Towns		2,135.50
State and Federal share of		
Disability Assistance		397.81
Town of Mendon		2,677.20
	<hr/>	\$5,765.36

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE—Federal Grant

Received from Federal Government:

Direct Aid	\$1,039.44	
Administration	65.07	
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Total		\$1,104.51
Expended:		
For Direct Aid, 2 cases	\$905.38	
Unexpended	199.13	

		<hr/>	\$1,104.51
State and Federal share of			
above expenses	\$679.04		
Town of Mendon's share	226.34		
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	\$905.38		

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Appropriation	\$1,500.00		
From Federal Government—			
Direct Aid	1,034.47		
From Federal Government—			
Administration	108.22		
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Total			\$2,642.69
Expended:			
For Direct Aid, 2 cases	\$935.39		
Transferred to			
Veterans' Benefits	963.00		
Unexpended	744.30		
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			\$2,642.69

Summary:

Federal Gov't.			
reimbursement	\$667.94		
State of Mass.			
reimbursement	309.81		
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	\$977.75		

Town of Mendon,			
credit over expenses	42.36		
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	\$935.39		

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Appropriation	\$16,000.00		
From Federal Government	18,990.73		
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Total \$34,990.73

Expended:

For Direct Aid, 51 cases \$32,974.09

Unexpended 2,016.64

..... \$34,990.73

Summary:

Federal Gov't.

share \$15,936.54

State of Mass. 12,069.12

Other Cities and

Towns 986.56

Town of Mendon's

share 3,981.87

..... \$32,974.09

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE—ADMINISTRATION

Appropriation \$935.00

Received from Federal Gov't. 1,188.27

Total \$2,123.27

Expended:

Helen F. Irons,

Welfare Worker \$1,800.00

N. E. Tel. &

Tel. Co. 24.00

Aucoins Press 14.26

Cahill's News Agcy. 7.75

Postage 87.00

Traveling expense .. 14.70

Hobbs & Warren,

Inc. 11.13

Forbes Press 17.50

Total expended \$1,976.34

Unexpended 146.93

					\$2,123.27
Summary :					
Federal Gov't.					
share	\$833.67				
State of Mass.					
share	19.22				
Town of Mendon	1,123.45				
				\$1,976.34	

VETERANS' BENEFITS

Appropriation	\$2,000.00				
Transfer voted from					
Available Funds	1,500.00				
Total				\$3,500.00	
Expended :					
Aid one person					
in other Town	\$682.50				
Aid three families					
in other Towns ..	2,059.01				
Aid two persons					
in Mendon	73.25				
Aid one family					
in Mendon	578.53				
Agts. dues, State &					
Co. Assn.	7.00				
Postage	3.00				
Total Expended	\$3,403.29				
Unexpended	96.71				
				\$3,500.00	
Summary :					
State's share	\$1,672.52				
Town of Mendon	1,730.77				
				\$3,403.29	

ADMINISTRATION OF VETERANS' BENEFITS

Appropriation	\$100.00
Expended:	
Ernest J. A. Bouchard, Agt.	\$100.00

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$64,433.61
Dog Tax Refund	473.39
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Total	\$64,907.00
Expended	\$64,905.33
Unexpended	1.67
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	\$64,907.00
(See School Report for detail of expenditures)	

LAND FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES

Appropriation	\$3,150.00
Expended:	
C. L. Goss	\$3,150.00

SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

Balance January 1, 1954	\$1,845.32
Expended:	
Norman Rogers, labor	
and material	\$1,143.20
Varney Bros., Sand	
& Gravel Co.	300.00
Mendon Texaco Sta.	1.80
Horace Partridge	14.95
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Total expended	\$1,459.95
Unexpended Balance Dec. 31, 1954	385.37
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	\$1,845.32

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Appropriation		\$1,500.00
Expended:		
Town of Framingham	\$13.20	
Norfolk Co.		
Agri. School	810.00	
City of Worcester ..	403.50	
Transportation	268.40	
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Total expended		\$1,495.10
Unexpended		4.90
	<hr/>	\$1,500.00

SPECIAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Balance January 1, 1954	\$1,285.16	
Revenue from meals	7,222.43	
State Reimbursement	2,824.72	
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Total		\$11,332.31
Expended:		
Salaries	\$2,412.00	
Food supplies	7,233.10	
Kitchen supplies	42.75	
Transportation fees	148.71	
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Total expended		\$9,836.56
Balance Dec. 31, 1954		1,495.75
	<hr/>	\$11,332.31

PARK DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$350.00	
Transfer from Reserve Fund	198.65	
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Total		\$548.65

Expended:

Sam Chiccarelli	\$190.00
George Johnson, labor	209.50
Raymond Thomas, labor	125.00
Clayton Parkinson ..	12.60
Lakeside Flower Shop	11.55

Total expended	\$548.65
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WATER DEPARTMENT MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	\$1,000.00
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Expended:

Johns Manville, pipe	\$23.40
Town of Bellingham, water	438.34
Varney Bros., labor and services	151.32
Lloyd Nelson, labor and materials	91.43
Milea Restaurant, new service	200.00
George Allen, meter reading	14.00
Helen F. Irons, clerical	12.00
Postage	3.54

Total expended	\$934.03
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Unexpended	65.97
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SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' GRAVES

Appropriation	\$30.00
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Expended:

Swan Dale Cemetery Asso.	\$30.00
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MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

Appropriation	\$225.00
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Expended:

Sons of Union

Veterans	\$12.00
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D. C. Ryan, band	150.00
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Clayton Parkinson ..	7.50
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Lakeside Flower

Shop	12.25
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C. C. Shattuck,

supplies	23.40
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Total expended	\$205.15
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Unexpended	19.85
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\$225.00

TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Appropriation	\$1,050.00
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Expended:

H. W. Wilson Company	\$11.80
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American Library Assn.	6.00
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Worc. Co. Electric Co.	28.10
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Gaylord Brothers, Inc.	15.00
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Barney Coal Company	117.52
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E. T. Powers Installation of lavatory and transformer ..	284.68
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C. L. Goss, Repairs	34.60
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Clarke Printing Company	7.00
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Barnes News Stand	52.87
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Personal Book Shop, Inc.	79.49
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Campbell and Hall, Inc.	12.94
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Vestella M. Daniels, Librarian	300.00
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Raymond C. Dudley, Janitor	100.00	
Total		\$1,050.00
Expended from Anna Ellis Fund:		
H. W. Wilson Company	\$5.50	
The Personal Book Shop, Inc.	9.83	
Campbell and Hall, Inc.	13.07	
Total	\$28.40	
Expended from Fletcher Fund:		
The Personal Book Shop, Inc.	\$59.41	
Campbell and Hall, Inc.	68.86	
Danny's News Stand	38.72	
Total	\$166.99	

OLD LIBRARY REPAIRS

Appropriation		\$300.00
Expended:		
C. L. Goss, repairs	\$287.24	
Unexpended	12.76	
		\$300.00

INSURANCE ON TOWN BUILDINGS

Appropriation	\$1,800.00	
Transfer from Reserve Fund	29.60	
Total		\$1,829.60
Expended:		
Donald B. Lowell, Agent		\$1,829.60

TOWN REPORTS

Appropriation		\$666.00
Expended:		
Uxbridge Printing Co.	\$645.00	

Delivery of Reports	21.00	
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RESERVE FUND

Appropriation	\$2,000.00
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Transfers:

Elections and	
Registrations	\$542.93
Sealer of Weights	
and Measures	2.50
Fire Department	21.81
Forest Fire	
Department	21.93
Police Department ..	777.43
Park Department	198.65
Town Counsel	
Expense	63.15
Tax Title	
Foreclosure	52.60
Insurance on	
Town Buildings ..	29.60
Interest on	
Temporary Loans	11.67

Total Transfers	\$1,722.27	
Unexpended	277.73	
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MATURING DEBT

Appropriation	\$2,000.00
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Expended:

School House Loan	\$1,000.00
Water Construction	
Loan	1,000.00

Total expended	\$2,000.00
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INTEREST ON MATURING DEBT

Appropriation		\$438.75
Expended:		
Water Construction Loan	\$348.75	
School House Loan	90.00	
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Total expended		\$438.75

INTEREST ON TEMPORARY LOANS

Appropriation	\$200.00	
Transfer from Reserve Fund	11.67	
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Total		\$211.67
Expended:		
The Home National Bank		\$211.67

REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT

December 31, 1954

RECEIPTS

General Revenue

Taxes:

Current Year:

Poll	\$924.00
Personal Property	8,630.61
Real Estate	76,788.99
Motor Vehicle Excise	13,374.90

Previous Years:

Personal Property	652.10
Real Estate	5,973.77
Motor Vehicle Excise	2,215.59

From the State:

Corporation Tax	6,516.00
Income Tax	3,768.00

Licenses and Permits	1,136.70
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Grants and Gifts:

From Federal Government:

Old Age Assistance	15,806.99
Aid to Dependent Children	300.88
Disability Assistance	844.27

From State:

School Aid, Chapter 70	13,108.46
School Superintendents (1953)	1,493.30

School Superintendents	
(1954)	1,493.29
Vocational Education	246.45
School Transportation	8,859.76
Div. Child Guardianship,	
Tuition and transportation	1,000.19

Highways:

Chap. 81, 1953 Contract	7,687.35
Chap. 81, 1954 Contract	3,558.75
Chap. 90 M., 1953 Contract	1,499.77
Chap. 90 M., 1954 Contract	1,200.00
Chap. 90 C., 1953 Contract	3,999.80
Chap. 90 C., 1954 Contract	4,999.75
Hurricane Damage—Carol	2,980.05
Inspector of Animals	75.00
Meal Tax, O.A.A.	888.58
Rent of Fire Tower land	50.00

From County:

Highways:

Chap. 90 M., 1953 Contract	1,499.77
Chap. 90 M., 1954 Contract	1,200.00
Chap. 90 C., 1953 Contract	1,999.90
Chap. 90 C., 1954 Contract	2,499.87
Dog License Refund	473.39

Other:

Selectmen, sale of map	1.00
Collector, Cert. of	
Municipal Liens	6.00

Commercial Revenue

Town Hall Rent	381.50
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Wire Inspections (1953)	46.00
Wire Inspections (1954)	42.00
Sealer's Fees	24.75
Health and Sanitation:	
County, Dog Officer	
reimbursement	121.00
Highways:	
Truck and Machinery Rental ..	5,436.15
Charities:	
Temporary Aid:	
From Individuals	20.00
From Cities and Towns	321.55
Aid to Dependent Children:	
From the State	678.54
Disability Assistance:	
From the State	234.95
Old Age Assistance:	
From the State	11,438.02
From Cities and Towns	1,157.78
From Recoveries on liens	488.75
Veterans' Benefits:	
From the State	745.39
Schools:	
Return of unused materials	391.00
Tuition, Boston City Wards	570.11
School Lunch Revenue	10,047.15
Library Fines	13.31

Water Department Revenue	1,432.87
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Interest:

Thayer Cemetery Fund	5.00
Deferred Taxes	249.39
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	29.10
Temporary Loan	20,000.00

Agency, Trust and Investment

Estate of Marcus Aldrich,	
Founders' Park Fund	35.97
Dog License Fees due County	672.60
Trust Fund Income	207.89
Federal Withholding Taxes	7,355.74
Worcester Co. Ret'm't	
Deductions	1,204.14

Refunds

Collector's Bond	78.75
Fire Insurance premiums	156.00
Selectmen, for advertising	8.00
Outlay on Road Machinery	16.00

Total Receipts, 1954	\$261,362.63
Balance January 1, 1954	28,098.66
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	\$289,461.29

EXPENDITURES

General Government

Moderator's Salary	\$25.00
Selectmen's Salaries	700.00
Selectmen's Expense	156.73
Town Accountant's Salary	400.00
Town Accountant's Expense	48.90

Treasurer's Salary	700.00
Treasurer's Expense	196.03
Collector's Salary	925.00
Collector's Expense	229.45
Assessors' Salaries	700.00
Assessor's Expense	193.77
Town Counsel's Salary	100.00
Town Counsel's Expense	138.15
Town Clerk's Salary	250.00
Town Clerk's Expense	348.60
Elections and Registration	1,142.93
Clerical Hire for	
Town Officers	294.08
Bonds for Town Officers	210.09
Town Hall Maintenance	885.78
Record Room Maintenance	361.23
Record Room Heater	232.70
Heat and Lights—	
Town Buildings	2,339.18
Removal Town Hall Partition	2,000.00
Town Hall Well	56.32

Protection of Persons and Property

Constable's Salary	\$25.00
Police Department	4,277.43
Police Room Construction	120.42
Fire Department	2,021.81
Wire Inspector	80.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures ..	52.50
Insect Pest Control	652.75
Dutch Elm Disease Control	326.25
Tree Warden	1,224.82
Forest Fires	521.93
Dog Officer	92.00
Civilian Defense	4.10
Fire Hose	500.00

Hurricane Damage—"Carol"	3,697.35
Hurricane Damage—"Edna"	886.78

Health and Sanitation

Board of Health	\$1,320.50
Worcester County Hospital	2,339.87
Inspector of Animals	150.00
Inspector of Slaughtering	25.00

Highways

General Repairs	\$2,087.97
Highway Machinery Maintenance	2,173.58
Snow Removal	6,000.00
Chapter 81	13,874.96
Chapter 90 Maintenance	3,600.00
Chapter 90 Construction (1953)	974.18
Chapter 90 Construction (1954)	9,999.50
Drainage, Hartford Ave. W.	499.34
Street Lighting	819.00
New Pick-up Truck	1,393.15
Taft Ave. Construction	2,000.00

Charities

Public Welfare Salaries	\$45.00
Temporary Aid	5,252.46
Disability Assistance	1,418.28
Aid to Dependent Children	935.39
Old Age Assistance	32,974.09
Administration of Public Assistance	1,976.34
Veterans' Benefits	3,403.29
Administration of Veterans' Benefits	100.00

Schools and Library

School Department	\$64,905.33
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Vocational Education	1,495.10
School Playground	1,459.95
School Lunch Program	9,836.56
Taft Public Library	1,050.00
Old Library Repairs	287.24
Land for School	3,150.00

Unclassified

Tax Title Foreclosure	\$88.60
Park Department	548.65
Founders' Park Fund	30.00
Memorial Day Celebration	205.15
Annuity Fund	500.00
Insurance on Town Buildings	1,829.60
Worcester Co. Retirement Expense	1,233.48
Town Reports	666.00
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	437.35
Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves.....	30.00

Public Service Enterprise

Water Department	\$934.03
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Interest

Temporary Loan	\$211.67
School House Note	90.00
Water Construction Note	348.75

Municipal Indebtedness

Temporary Loan	\$20,000.00
School House Loan	1,000.00
Water Construction Loan	1,000.00
Highway Equipment Loan	1,000.00
State Parks and Reservations ...	321.73

Agency, Trust and Investment

County Tax	\$4,502.33
Dog Licenses for County	672.80
Austin Fletcher Library Fund	166.99
Anna Ellis Library Fund	28.40
Thayer Cemetery Fund	40.00
Income to Post War	
Rehabilitation Fund	12.50
Federal Withholding Taxes	7,355.74
Worcester County Retirement	
Deductions	1,204.14
Stabilization Fund	5,000.00

Refunds

1954 Real Estate Taxes	\$4.70
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	278.71
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Total Expenditures	\$252,404.48
Balance December 31, 1954	37,056.81
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	\$289,461.29

HELEN F. IRONS,

Town Accountant.

TOWN OF MENDON

Balance Sheet - December 31, 1954

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets		Liabilities and Reserves	
Cash:			
In Bank	\$37,056.81	Dog Licenses—Due County	\$ 1.80
		Excess—Sales of Lands of Low Value	69.63
Accounts Receivable:		Tailings	30.78
		Thayer Cemetary Fund Income	15.06
Taxes:		Founders' Park Fund	5.97
Levy of 1953:		Aid to Dependent Children—State	1,657.55
Personal Property	\$140.80	Federal Grants:	
Real Estate	804.45	Disability Assistance:	
		Administration	\$ 65.07
Levy of 1954:		Assistance	134.06
Personal Property	845.53	Aid to Dependent Children:	
Real Estate	5,814.77	Administration	108.22
	<hr/>	Aid	635.41
	7,605.55		

Overdrawn Appropriations:
Highways:
Chapter 81

Overlays Reserved for Abatements:
Levy of 1954

74.96

700.60

Revenue Reserved Until Collected:
Motor Vehicle and Trailer
Excise \$2,607.22
Tax Titles 106.61
Departmental 969.74
Water 25.44
Aid to Highways 75.00

Surplus Revenue
3,784.01
33,865.65
\$58,324.21

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:
Inside Debt Limit:
General \$3,000.00
Outside Debt Limit:
Public Service Enterprise 15,000.00
\$18,000.00

Inside Debt Limit:
General:
School Addition \$3,000.00
Outside Debt Limit:
Public Service Enterprise:
Water 15,000.00
\$18,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds:

Cash and Securities:

In Custody of Treasurer

.....	\$42,594.87	Austin Wood Relief Fund	\$1,440.80
		Nathan R. George Relief Fund	1,319.19
		Austin B. Fletcher Library Fund	5,224.69
		Anna Ellis Library Fund	623.35
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	220.24
		Post-War Rehabilitation Fund	1,296.62
		Stabilization Fund	32,470.07

\$42,594.87

\$42,594.87

HELEN F. IRONS,
Town Accountant.

LIST OF JURORS

Chester O. Avery	Draftsman	George St.
Frank E. Dudley	Payroll Clerk	Maple St.
Gordon R. Good	Machinist	North Ave.
Everett F. Goodnow	Woodworker	North Ave.
Mildred A. Goss	Housewife	Maple St.
Norman H. Handley	Storekeeper	North Ave.
Charles F. Leonard	Realtor	Providence St.
Donald B. Lowell	Insurance	North Ave.
Ettore J. Magliocca	Oil Dealer	Hartford Ave., East
Madelaine W. Mann	Housewife	Washington St.
Douglas Taylor	Carpenter	George St.
Fern Wagner	Tile Worker	Millville St.
Charles H. Wood	Expeditior	Hartford Ave., West

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

CASH RECEIPTS

JANUARY 1, 1954—DECEMBER 31, 1954

Cash on hand, January 1, 1954	---	\$28,098.66
Receipts for year 1954	-----	261,362.63
	-----	\$289,461.29

Paid per Selectmen's Warrants

1954	-----	\$252,404.48
Cash balance December 31, 1954	--	37,056.81
	-----	\$289,461.29

Balance on hand December 31, 1954	-----	\$37,056.81
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In The Home National

Bank of Milford .. \$43,421.74

Cash in the hands

of Treasurer	-----	72.45
	-----	\$43,494.19

Less uncashed checks as of

December 31, 1954	-----	6,437.38
	-----	\$37,056.81

(See Town Accountant's Report for detail of
Receipts and Expenditures)

TRUST FUND REPORTS—DECEMBER 31, 1954

AUSTIN WOOD RELIEF FUND

Dr.

To Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$592.11
To Interest received from	
Milford Savings Bank	----- 17.88

To Cash in Worcester County Institution for Savings	806.45	
To Interest received from Worces- ter County Institution for Savings	24.36	
	<hr/>	\$1,440.80

Cr.

By Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$609.99	
By Cash in Worcester County Institution for Savings	830.81	
	<hr/>	\$1,440.80

U. S. DEFENSE BOND

Dr.

To one U. S. Defense Bond	\$1,000.00	
To Interest received on Bond	25.00	
To Interest received previous to 1954 and on deposit in The Home National Bank of Milford	267.61	
To Interest received from The Home National Bank of Milford	4.01	
	<hr/>	\$1,296.62

Cr.

By one U. S. Defense Bond	\$1,000.00	
By Cash in The Home National Bank of Milford	296.62	
	<hr/>	\$1,296.62

STABILIZATION FUND

Dr.

To Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$15,862.64
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To Interest received from Milford Savings Bank	462.00	
To Cash in Milford Federal Savings and Loan Association ..	15,806.32	
To Interest received from Milford Federal Savings and Loan Association	339.11	
	<hr/>	\$32,470.07

Cr.

By Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$16,324.64	
By Cash in Milford Federal Savings and Loan Association ..	16,145.43	
	<hr/>	\$32,470.07

ANNA ELLIS LIBRARY FUND

Dr.

To Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$633.08	
To Interest received from Milford Savings Bank	18.67	
	<hr/>	\$651.75

Cr.

By Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$623.35	
By three Library Orders	28.40	
	<hr/>	\$651.75

NATHAN R. GEORGE, JR. TRUST FUND

Dr.

To Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$1,280.50	
To Interest received from Milford Savings Bank	38.69	
	<hr/>	\$1,319.19

Cr.

By Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$1,319.19	
	<u> </u>	\$1,319.19

ARTHUR B. FLETCHER LIBRARY FUND

Dr.

To Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$5,235.42	
To Interest received from Milford Savings Bank	156.17	
	<u> </u>	\$5,391.59

Cr.

By Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$5,224.60	
By 4 Library Orders	166.99	
	<u> </u>	\$5,391.59

ANNIE E. GASKILL LOT—BICKNELL CEMETERY

Dr.

To Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$106.91	
To Interest received from Milford Savings Bank	3.21	
	<u> </u>	\$110.12

Cr.

By Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$110.12	
	<u> </u>	\$110.12

JOSEPH S. COX, JOSEPH BATES AND JOHN S. COX
LOTS — BICKNELL CEMETERY

Dr.

To Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$106.91
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To Interest received from		
Milford Savings Bank	3.21	
	<u> </u>	\$110.12

Cr.

By Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$110.12	
	<u> </u>	\$110.12

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. LEONARD,

Treasurer.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

1954

1952 Personal Property Taxes

Dr.

Taxes Outstanding Jan. 1, 1954 ..	\$155.10	
Interest	8.20	
	_____	\$163.30

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$163.30	
Uncollected .....	.00	
	_____	\$163.30

1952 Real Estate Taxes

Dr.

Taxes Outstanding Jan. 1, 1954 ..	\$465.70	
Interest	20.88	
	_____	\$486.58

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$486.58	
Uncollected .....	.00	
	_____	\$486.58

1953 Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes

Dr.

Taxes Outstanding Jan. 1, 1954

and Including Taxes Committed

Jan. 30, 1954	\$2,284.54	
Interest	12.68	
	<hr/>	\$2,297.22

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$2,223.44	
Abated	73.78	
Uncollected .....	.00	
	<hr/>	\$2,297.22

1953 Personal Property Taxes

Dr.

Taxes Outstanding Jan. 1, 1954 ..	\$637.80	
Interest	13.62	
	<hr/>	\$651.42

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$510.62	
Uncollected	140.80	
	<hr/>	\$651.42

1953 Real Estate Taxes

Dr.

Taxes Outstanding Jan. 1, 1954 ..	\$6,312.52	
Interest	150.68	
	<hr/>	\$6,463.20

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$5,658.75	
Uncollected	804.45	
	<hr/>	\$6,463.20

1954 Poll Taxes

Dr.

Taxes Committed	\$1,120.00	
Interest	2.00	
Charges and Fees	28.70	
	<hr/>	\$1,150.70

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$954.70	
Abated	196.00	
Uncollected .....	.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,150.70

1954 Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes

Dr.

Total Taxes Committed	\$16,360.49	
Interest	14.81	
	<hr/>	\$16,375.30

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$13,389.71	
Abated	378.37	
Uncollected	2,607.22	
	<hr/>	\$16,375.30

1954 Personal Property Taxes

Dr.

Taxes Committed	\$9,476.14	
Interest	1.40	
	<hr/>	\$9,477.54

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$8,632.01	
Abated .....	.00	
Uncollected	845.53	
	<hr/>	\$9,477.54

1954 Real Estate Taxes

Dr.

Taxes Committed	\$84,702.46	
Interest	24.32	
	<hr/>	\$84,726.78

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$76,813.31	
Abated	2,098.70	
Uncollected	5,814.77	
	<hr/>	\$84,726.78

1952 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Dr.

Reassessed and Committed in 1954	\$4.83	
Interest	1.20	
	<hr/>	\$6.03

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$6.03	
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Certificate of Municipal Liens

Dr.

Att. Aaron Cohen	\$2.00	
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Att. Aaron Cohen	2.00	
Att. Isodore J. Silverman	2.00	
	<u> </u>	\$6.00

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$6.00	
	<u> </u>	\$6.00

Tax Refunds for 1954

1953 Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	\$32.06	
1954 Motor Vehicle Excises Taxes	246.65	
1954 Real Estate Taxes	4.70	
	<u> </u>	\$283.41

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR P. DALTON,

Collector of Taxes.

January 1, 1955

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

The Assessors' Recapitulation Sheet and Table of
Aggregates is given below:

RECAPITULATION 1954

Town Appropriations:

Voted since 1953 Tax Rate	
was fixed	\$165,754.65
Deficit 1953 Overlay	203.60
Other	500.00
State Taxes 1954	832.20
County Taxes 1954	7,261.95
Overlay for 1954	3,000.00
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Gross Amount to be raised	\$177,552.40
Estimated Receipts	\$65,048.38
Available Funds	17,205.42
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Total Estimated Receipts and	
Available Funds	82,253.80
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Net amount to be raised by	
taxation on Polls and Property	\$95,298.60
560 Poll Taxes at \$2.00	\$1,120.00
Personal Property Taxes	9,476.14
Real Estate Taxes	84,702.46
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Total Taxes levied on	
Polls and Property	\$95,298.60

AGGREGATES 1954

Number of Assessments on	
Real Estate	663
Number of Assessments on	
Personal Estate	73
Number of Polls Assessed	560
Value of Assessed Personal Estate:	
Stock-in-trade	\$14,500.00
Machinery	60,400.00
Livestock	60,720.00
Other tangible Personal	
Property	66,000.00

Total value of Assessed Personal Estate	\$201,620.00
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Value of Assessed Real Estate:

Land exclusive of buildings	\$330,545.00
Buildings exclusive of land	1,471,635.00

Total value of Assessed Real Estate	1,802,180.00
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Total valuation of Assessed Estate	\$2,003,800.00
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Tax on Personal Estate	\$9,476.14
Tax on Real Estate	84,702.46
Tax on Polls	1,120.00

Total taxes levied	\$95,298.60
Rate of Tax per \$1,000	\$47.00

Number of Livestock Assessed:

Horses	18
Cows	503

Other Neat Cattle	96
Swine	42
Fowl	3,620
*All other	12
Number of Dwelling	
Houses assessed	610
Number of Acres of	
Land assessed	10,761

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES

Committed to Collector:

Vehicles registered in 1952 ..	\$4.83
Vehicles registered in 1953 ..	739.67
Vehicles registered in 1954 ..	16,360.49

Total committments	\$17,104.99
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MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES ABATED

1953 Taxes	\$105.84
1954 Taxes	625.02

Total abatements	\$730.86
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OVERLAY ACCOUNT 1954

1954 Overlay	\$3,000.00
1954 Abatements on Polls and	
Property	2,299.40

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD B. LOWELL,
D. KINSLEY BARNES,
CARL M. TAFT, Clerk
Board of Assessors.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

1954

DOGS LICENSED IN 1954

192 Males at \$2.00 each	\$384.00	
31 Females at \$5.00 each	155.00	
70 Spayed Females at \$2.00 each	140.00	
3 \$10.00 Kennel Licenses	30.00	
1 \$25.00 Kennel License	25.00	
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		\$734.00
Less Clerk's Fees: 297 licenses		
at 20¢		59.40
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Cash Paid Town Treasurer as per		
monthly statements		\$674.60

We should give considerable credit to our Town Dog Officer William Rondeau who has worked unceasingly to round up all unlicensed dogs in 1954.

The County Dog Officer will again visit and inspect all kennels.

All dogs three months old or more must be licensed at the Town Clerk's office on or before April 1, 1955. The Dog License Refund is added to the General School Fund of our Town.

SPORTING LICENSES ISSUED FROM

JANUARY 1, 1954 TO DECEMBER 31, 1954

123 Resident Citizen Fishing
 106 Resident Citizen Hunting
 95 Resident Citizen Sporting

20	Resident Citizen Minor Fishing	
32	Resident Citizen Female Fishing	
1	Resident Citizen Minor Trapping	
2	Resident Citizen Trapping	
2	Special Non-resident Fishing	
2	Non-resident Citizen Minor Fishing	
8	Non-resident Citizen Fishing	
1	Non-resident Citizen Sporting	
4	Duplicate licenses—no fee	
15	Resident Citizen Sporting—Free	
4	Resident Citizen Military Sporting—Free	
1	Resident Citizen Fishing (Old Age)—Free	
Total amount received for licenses		\$1,452.00
Less amount retained for fees—392 at 25¢		98.00
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Amount sent to the Department of		
Natural Resources		\$1,354.00
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BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1954

Date of Birth 1954	Name of Child	Name of Parents with Maiden Name of Mother
Jan.	4 Patricia Ann Cram	Edgar J. and Mary Dalton
	10 Henry Joseph Messier	Elie and Maureen Clain
	13 Rosemarie Ann Smith	Edward C. and Ella A. Pepin
	20 Karen Jean Kollet	Kenneth and Doris Grant
Feb.	5 Stanley Earl Chapin, Jr.	Stanley E. and Marion L. Closson
	5 Bernice Mae Chapin	Stanley E. and Marion L. Closson
	8 Debrah Ann Randor	Willard P. and Patricia A. Green
	11 Paul Lambert Chandler	Henry F. and Genevieve L. Metivier
	13 Terry Ann Munhall	Terrance and Lucille Slotnick
	17 Paul Albert Kearsley	Donald and Ruth Dalton
Mar.	19 Nancy Ann Warren	Arthur and Nancy R. Magliocca
	27 Ann Marie Mespelli	Angelo J. and Anna Richinick
	10 Rosemary Wagner	William M. and Nancy Charge
	15 Frances Marie Bouchard	Ernest J. A. and Frances M. Wojnowski
	27 Bradford Alan Bennett	Ralph G. and Virginia Lougee
	29 Ann Marie Hazard	Lyman E. and Jennie Volpe
Apr.	12 Leon Henry Ahronian	Henry D. and Elizabeth Tomasian
	12 Joseph Paul Monti	Joseph and Mary Casali
	20 Roger Edward Whiting	Robert E. and Beatrice M. Sanborn
	25 Emily Ann Thomas	Ernest S. and Mary L. Labaire
May	10 James Richard Hoberg	Richard and Joyce Thatcher
	14 Mary Lee Flanagan	James P. and Claire Power
	20 Gale Ann Wood	Herbert S. and Beatrice Tetreault
June	4 Harvey I. Rondeau, Jr.	Harvey I. and Gabrielle Cousineau
	21 John Garret Thomson	George G. and Edna Sexton
	28 Donald Kent Youngsma	Harvey J. and Anna Berghuis
	30 Cheryl Ann McTurk	Robert and Nancy Nash
July	4 David Leon Campbell	William V. and Alta Sears
	16 Stillborn	
	30 Karin Louis Fricker	William R. and Erna Dorrer
	10 Michele Gay Hutchinson	George P. and Patricia Gaskell
Aug.	12 Lawrence Erle Gaskill	Richard M. and Dora Streeter
	21 Martha Elaine Reneau	Charles J. and Rita M. Casey
	21 Mary Elizabeth Reneau	Charles J. and Rita M. Casey
	28 Robert Craig Allen	Alden R. and Margaret Costello
Sept.	5 Dawn Cheryl Larson	George and Arlene Grant
	13 Mary Anne Kraft	Steven and Florence Noyes
	17 Susan Elizabeth Doyle	Joseph L. and Ruth P. Granholm
Oct.	9 Arthur Louis Eaton	Calvin and Gabrielle Gagnon
Nov.	1 Gloria Jeanne Roy	Raymond T. and Florida Daige
	9 Lillian Saunders Irons	Francis A. and Dorothy Larson
	9 Jane Cochrane	Renold B. and Ardell Wilson
	16 Lynn Marie Wiersma	Harry and Ethel Roorda
	17 Thomas William Slavin	William W. and Joyce Sanderson
	21 Alfred Auty, IV	Alfred and Hazel Holden
Dec.	16 Joseph Michael DeLuca	Gioachino F. and Agnes C. Tetreault
	19 Brenda Elaine Phipps	Russell and Janet Metcalf
	27 Constance Jean Beal	Gilbert W. and Evelyn Sullivan

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1954

Date of Marriage 1954		Place of Marriage	Names	Residence
Jan.	9	Milford	Rudolph Deiana	Mendon
			Elnora Vasile	Milford
	23	Uxbridge	Linwood E. Mathewson	Mendon
			Mary J. Colby	Uxbridge
	30	Hopedale	Francis W. Shurtleff, Jr.	Mendon
			Lucille Mary Wiles	Newport, N. H.
Feb.	26	Bellingham	Nicholas F. Creasia	Mendon
			Nancy Robertson	Uxbridge
May	8	Milford	Normand G. Brothers	Mendon
			Jeanne E. Goneau	Milford
	31	Woonsocket, R. I.	Gaston P. Cousineau	Mendon
			Carmen M. Rancourt	Woonsocket, R. I.
June	19	Uxbridge	Edward J. Lamothe	Mendon
			Evelyn Marteka	Uxbridge
	19	Mendon	Philip M. Johnson, Jr.	Lexington, Mass.
			Janet M. Robinson	Mendon
	19	Brockton, Mass.	Ronald T. Lowell	Mendon
			Sally Ann Churchill	West Bridgewater
July	24	Hampton, N. H.	Gioachino F. DeLuca	Milford
			Agnes Claire Tetreault	Mendon
Sept.	4	Mendon	Walter K. Parker	Uxbridge
			Jeanne C. Lamothe	Mendon
Oct.	2	Hopedale	Robert Fisher	Hopedale
			Barbara M. Grant	Mendon
Nov.	6	Conway, N. H.	Roger J. Lapierre	Upton
			Beulah R. Robertson	Mendon
	13	Milford	Reginald LaMontagne	Mendon
			Rosellor O. Clark	Milford
	20	Mendon	Henry A. Roy	Uxbridge
			Mary Jane Neal	Mendon
	25	Milford	Harry W. Thatcher	Mendon
			Marilyn H. Halsing	Mendon
	26	Franklin	Earl F. Lanagan, Jr.	Franklin
			Dorothy J. Closson	Mendon
Dec.	4	Bellingham	John J. Moriarty	Mendon
			Jeannette J. Belliveau	Woonsocket, R. I.
	12	Medfield	Marcus M. Goodnow, Jr.	Mendon
			Myrtle R. Bosselman	Medfield, Mass.
	26	Worcester	Walter J. Thomas	Mendon
			Eleanor M. Leno	Worcester

DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1954

Date of Death 1954	Name	Y	Age M	D	Cause of Death
Jan. 2	Joseph John Trainor	49	4	16	Carcinoma of Liver
Feb. 16	Raymond Barrows	69	8	8	Cerebral Vascular Disease
Mar. 2	Roscoe Steere	81	10	15	Coronary Thrombosis
8	Joseph Rossetti	57	4	2	Cancer of Stomach
8	Lina Farland	4	5	20	Asphyxia
Apr. 6	Raymond Arthur Miller	41	2	14	Hodgkin's Lymphoma
29	Everett G. Watson	54	2	8	Cancer of Stomach
May 25	Fred Wilfred Flye	68	8	17	Cerebral Thrombosis
June 2	Doris R. Kempton Halsin	48	7	9	Carcinoma of Pelvis
7	Daniel Grytzell	86	3	25	Pulmonary Thrombosis
July 4	Edna L. Martin Damon	64	—	28	Coronary Thrombosis
16	Stillborn				
Aug. 31	Angelina M. Morelli	47	2	25	Generalized Carcinomatosis
Sept. 2	Mary Anna Billings	87	4	18	Cerebral Thrombosis
15	Margaret Riley Smith	68	—	—	Arteriosclerotic Heart Disease
24	John J. O'Sullivan	85	11	14	Cerebral Thrombosis
Oct. 5	Harvey Ellis Trask	83	3	15	Carcinoma of Bladder
Nov. 20	Bertha M. Tompkins Trask	67	2	25	Skull Fracture—hit by car
24	Sarah Billings Gaskill	80	10	0	Cerebral Hemorrhage
Dec. 11	Rosanna Cadorette Lovely	64	9	25	Acute Coronary Thrombosis
16	Margaret Kirkpatrick Fletcher	77	—	20	Pulmonary Congestion
27	Robert Coulter	61	4	25	Carcinoma of Lung

Parents and others are requested to carefully examine the above lists and if any errors or omissions are discovered report them at once to the town clerk, that the record may be corrected, as it is of importance that the records of Vital Statistics should be complete.

General Laws, Chapter 46, Section 6.

Parents, within forty days after the birth of a child, and every householder, within forty days after a birth in his house, shall cause notice thereof to be given to the clerk of the town where such child is born***

NOTICE

SOME OF THE MANY

Reasons Why Births Should Be Recorded

To establish identity.

To prove nationality.

To prove legitimacy.

To show when the child has the right to enter school.

To show when the child has the right to seek employment under the child labor law.

To establish the right of inheritance to property.

To establish liability to military duty, as well as exemption therefrom.

To establish age and citizenship in order to vote.

To qualify to hold title to, and to buy or sell real estate.

To establish the right to hold public office.

To prove the age at which the marriage contract may be entered into.

To prove age to determine validity of a contract entered into by an alleged minor.

To prove age for Old Age Assistance.

To prove age so as to have the right to take Civil Service Examinations.

Parents be sure to record the birth of your child with given name in full.

Your co-operation to the end that all births may be properly recorded will be greatly appreciated.

Parents will please return the supplemental birth report sent them by the Clerk, even though they have received one from the Clerk of the town in which the child was born. The corrections are not forwarded to the Mendon Town Clerk.

Blanks for the return of all Vital records can be obtained from the Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT S. COLEMAN,

Town Clerk.

REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

December 31, 1954

To the Selectmen of Mendon :

Gentlemen :

The Fire Department answered 17 alarms in 1954 with an estimated loss of \$14,200.

1 Barn Fire	6 Chimney Fires
1 Log Cabin Fire	2 Auto Fires
1 Shack Fire	1 Tar Truck Fire
1 Garage Fire	4 Oil Burner Fires

Eight calls for the Resuscitator.

Two calls to pump out wells.

Four calls to pump out cellars after hurricane Edna and two calls for the Generator.

The Firemen held an Auction in June and made a good sum of money which was spent to put on a parade and entertainment the night before the Fourth.

The Firemen decorated the Station at Christmas and with the Grange lighted the tree on Founders Park.

New lights were installed in the upper Fire Station and the cinder blocks downstairs were covered with cement plaster.

The Forest Fire Department answered 28 alarms in 1954, burning over 13 acres of grass land and 8 acres of brush land. Many of these fires were small, only 2 were over one acre fires.

This, being my last report as Fire Chief of the Town of Mendon, may I take the opportunity to thank the Selectmen both present and past, as well as the Townspeople for all the cooperation, guidance and assistance given me, and also the Firemen who have served faithfully through the years to make the Fire Department what it is today.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD F. LOWELL,

Fire Chief and Forest Warden.

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

1954

Complaints received and answered	312
Messages delivered	28
Superior Court Cases	3
District Court Cases	24
Stolen cars recovered	7
Stolen bicycles recovered	2
Arrests made	15
Warrants issued	5
Warrants served	4
Summons issued	18
Summons served	7
Doors found unlocked	10
Summons served for out of town police	22
Warrants served for out of town police	3
Class III Motor Vehicle forms issued	67
Motor Vehicle forms issued	82
Breaking and entering cases investigated	14
Automobile accidents investigated	44
Persons injured	29

Persons admitted to hospital	16
Hours patrolling	1577
Miles covered patrolling	3960
Permits to buy guns issued	3
Pistol and revolver permits issued	23
Persons committed to House of Correction	2
Persons committed to State Prison	1
Parking tags issued	55
Faulty equipment tags issued	66
Dogs injured which had to be destroyed	7
Bicycle plates issued	58
Children lost and returned to parents	5

I herewith submit my annual report of the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1954.

This past year the automobile accidents have decreased from forty-seven to forty-four, approximately 9%. I feel that this was due to the extensive patrolling of our highways as recommended by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, Rudolph F. King. The patrolling this year started May first and continued until October thirty-first. Another factor to be taken into consideration is that there were 60,000 more vehicles registered in Massachusetts in 1954 than in 1953.

The patrolling this year consisted of the man at the station who donated his time from seven to nine P.M., to go on the road until midnight on weekdays. He would cover approximately the entire town and would check all doors on the business establishments. There are fifty-

nine doors to be checked each night and there were nineteen found unlocked during the summer.

On weekends, the officer on patrol duty, would be on until 1 A.M. and I feel that this patrolling tended to reduce the petty larceny where breaking and entering cases might be committed.

This year, this department received for the Town of Mendon, a special award from the Governor's Highway Safety Conference. This award was presented to the Town of Mendon in recognition of outstanding highway safety achievement in completing the year 1953 without a fatal motor vehicle traffic accident. This award was signed by Rudolph F. King, Registrar of Motor Vehicles, General Chairman, and Christian A. Herter, Governor of the Commonwealth, Honorary Chairman, and presented to the town by Inspector Frederick Blanck and Hearings Officer John Adams from the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

It is with regret that we had to set down on our records, a fatal motor vehicle accident, which occurred on November twentieth, just ten days after receiving the award for 1953. The town had been 1154 days or since September 23, 1951 without a fatal accident. I feel that if funds had been available for patrolling later in the year and that an officer had been on duty on the highway, that it is possible that this fatal accident might not have happened.

After the patrolling stopped on October thirty-first, we had nine accidents or approximately 20% of our total accidents happened after the officers were not on the highways. Of these nine accidents three involved pedestrians.

During the year there were 138 motor vehicle violations reported to me. There were 25 licenses suspended and three revoked as recommended by me to the Registry of Motor Vehicles. There were also ten warning letters sent to operators from the registry and there were eight licenses suspended as a result of court convictions.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD C. BARROWS,

Chief of Police.

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Fees and adjusting charges authorized by Section 56, General Laws, Chapter 98 as amended by Chapter 34, Acts of 1949.

I have collected \$22.50 for sealing fees and have turned same over to the Town Treasurer.

Scales under 100 lbs. at 50¢	7
Scales over 100 lbs. at \$1.00	2
Gasoline pumps at \$1.00	13
Grease Pumps at \$1.00	4

I would like to inform everyone using scales or pumps that when seals are broken for adjustment or repairs, the Sealer of Weights and Measures should be notified before this equipment is used again.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM D. RONDEAU,
Sealer.

REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

Dogs reported lost	10
Complaints received	19
Complaints investigated	19
Dogs killed by autos	12
Dogs hit and run	5
Children bitten by dogs	9
Dogs destroyed for worrying, maiming and killing chickens	3
Dogs boarded	10
Dogs destroyed	13

I would appreciate it very much if owners of dogs would try to keep their dogs collared with a name plate attached to same, and also have the license tag which is issued, attached to the collar.

I have found everyone most co-operative on all matters brought to my attention and which required any action.

Please remember that all dogs three months old or over must be licensed on or before March 31st.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM D. RONDEAU,

Dog Officer.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

To the Board of Health:

Gentlemen:

I wish to report that there have been no inspections made during 1954.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLARD N. SEIBERT,

Inspector of Slaughtering.

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY SURVEYOR

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I submit the following report of work done on the Town roads during 1954.

Chapter 81

There were 14,986 gallons of tar and asphalt applied to various roads under this Chapter. Sixteen hundred feet of West Hill Road was hard-surfaced, thus completing this road. There were 1,277 yards of gravel applied to various roads. On Hartford Avenue, East, 1,500 feet of roadway was rebuilt and widened. Proper drainage was also installed. This has been a very bad spot and very narrow. Brush was cut on all roads including Chapter 90 roads as no money is allowed for cutting brush under Chapter 90 Maintenance.

Chapter 90 Maintenance

A total of 16,993 gallons of tar and asphalt were applied to various roads under this chapter.

Chapter 90 Construction

Drainage was a big factor this year. A new culvert near the residence of Henry Clough was necessary and required 40 feet of 36 inch pipe. Two hundred feet of 12 inch pipe was installed in front of the residence of George Phillips and 16 feet of 30 inch pipe near the property of Henry Mathewson. There were 3,872 yards

of gravel used this year as most of the roadway was too low. Plans are under way to finish Providence Street to the intersection of George Street. The balance of the money allotted will be used on Blackstone Street.

Taft Avenue

Taft Avenue has been made a through road connecting Millville Road with Uxbridge Road. This makes the work of ploughing snow and sanding much easier.

I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, the townspeople as well as the State and County Engineers for their co-operation and assistance during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM R. BOWEN,

Highway Surveyor.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

The assessed valuation of property owned by the takers of the East Mendon Water System amounts to \$195,000. On the basis of the 1954 tax rate of \$47. per thousand, this would mean that \$829.08 was received in 1954 taxes from these water takers over and above the normal taxes, due to the higher assessed valuation of property in the water district.

In 1954 the Town received from takers:

For use of water	\$1,432.87
For increased taxes	829.08

Total income	<hr/>	\$2,261.95
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1954 Expenditures:

Maintenance costs and	
services	\$934.03
Payment on Water note	1,000.00
Interest on notes	348.75

Total expenditures	<hr/>	\$2,282.78
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Net cost to Town in 1954		\$20.83
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Respectfully submitted,

FRANKLIN E. GOODNOW,

DONATO F. LEONE,

CLARENCE E. VARNEY,

Water Commissioners.

SEVENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Trustees of the Taft Public Library submit the Report of the Librarian, the Financial Report, and Trustees' Report for the year ending December 31, 1954.

The services of the Library to the community and its citizens continue on the high level of excellence which has been maintained since its institution. The attention of all is called to the report of Mrs. Daniels, the Librarian, whose earnest work and interest are chiefly responsible for the important place of the Library in the life of the town. A study of circulation figures over a period of years indicates that the reading of library books is not maintaining its rightful place in competition with television and other distracting developments in modern living. In view of this general condition, it is well to remember that the Library still continues to provide good books for all who wish to use them.

Some repairs and building improvements have been made during the year. Hurricane damage to the roof made some minor repair necessary, and a replacement of a burner transformer was made early in the fall. The installation of a lavatory is a significant improvement in building equipment.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY P. CLOUGH, Secretary
Trustees of the Taft Public Library.

1954 LIBRARY REPORT

To the Trustees of the Taft Public Library :

The circulation for the year (97 days) was 5364, which is a substantial increase over the last few years. The largest number given out in one day was 130; the smallest, 13; and the average, 55. Circulation by classes was as follows: Fiction, 2009; juvenile, 1864; magazines, 784; biography, 254; travel, 45; history, 116; literature and fine arts, 86; science and useful arts, 111; all others, 95.

New books added to the Library by the Town, 48; by the Fletcher Fund, 66; by the Annie Ellis Fund, 2; and by gift, 72, making a total of 188. We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Viola Barnes for the gift of nearly fifty books, and the Mendon Girl Scouts for ten books. Gifts of books were also received from Rev. William Nelson, Miss Gail Dudley and from the Lancaster Public Library.

Miss Shirley Smith is our able high school assistant, and Miss Gail Dudley assisted during the summer months. A story hour for the children was conducted by the librarian on five Thursday afternoons in the summer. An exhibition of drawings by the elementary grades was shown during Art Week, arranged by Miss Jane Coleman, art supervisor.

On March 27th, the librarian attended the Centennial Anniversary of the Boston Public Library, with trustees and librarians from all over the State. It included a conducted tour of the Central Library and a visit to one of the new branch libraries, in Dorchester. Here the

librarian was so impressed with the attractiveness of the new plastic book-covers that we have tried them on our new books, with favorable comments.

Water has been put in the library with very fine fixtures; and this convenience is much appreciated.

Magazine subscriptions include: American, American Home, Atlantic Monthly, Better Homes and Gardens, Boys' Life, Colliers, Good Housekeeping, Ladies' Home Journal, McCall's, National Geographic, Popular Mechanics, Reader's Digest, Red Book, Saturday Evening Post, Time and Woman's Home Companion.

Fines collected and turned over to the town treasurer, \$13.31.

May we thank the trustees and town officials for their co-operation; and the townspeople for their increased interest in their library.

VESTELLA M. DANIELS,

Librarian.

ANNUAL REPORTS

of the

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

and

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

of the

TOWN OF MENDON

MASSACHUSETTS

for the

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1954

SCHOOL DIRECTORY 1953-1954 SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Harry C. York, Chairman.....	Term expires 1956
Chester F. Fitzgerald	Term Expires 1955
Gordon R. Good, Secretary	Term Expires 1957
Herbert F. Bowen (Resigned)	Term Expires 1955

Regular meetings are held at the High School building on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30 P.M.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS—PERCY L. ROWE, Boston University, B. S. E., Ed. M.
The Superintendent may be met every Tuesday and Wednesday at the Mendon High School or by appointment.

Office—Center School, Bellingham Center
Office Hours—4:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. on School days.

Telephone, Milford 787-M4

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Ronald Lukert, M.D. Telephone, Milford 3045-W

SCHOOL NURSE

Grace Moran, R.N. Milford District Nursing Association

SCHOOL CUSTODIAN

Walter Wright Mendon, Mass.

TRANSPORTATION AGENTS

Harold C. Barrows	Mendon, Mass.
Harold Barrows, Jr.	Mendon, Mass.

ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Harold C. Barrows	Mendon, Mass.
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TEACHERS

Name	Subject or Grade	Preparation	Degree or Years	Years in Town
Henry P. Clough, Principal	Algebra, French Geometry, Geography	Dartmouth College and New Hampshire University	B.S. Twenty-seventh Ed.M.	
Raymond F. Biedrzycki	General Mathematics, Mathematics, Science	Rhode Island State	B.S.	Ninth
Mary C. Armour	Commercial Ed.	Regis College	B.S.	Tenth
Mildred White	Home Economics	Framingham State	B.S.E.	Third
	Social Science	Teachers College		
Doris O'Neill	English, Latin	Worcester State	B.S.E.	Seventh
		Teachers College		
Catherine Whelen	Grade 6	Boston University	A.B.	First
Margaret Hubert	Grade 5	Framingham State	Two	Second
		Teachers College		

Dorothy Stauas	Grade 4	Worcester State Teachers College	B.S.E.	Fifth
Margaret C. Duren	Grade 3	Syracuse University	A.B.	First
Grace Hutchinson	Grade 2	Framingham State Teachers College	Two	Sixteenth
Lillian A. Pennington	Grade 1	Rhode Island College of Education	B.E.	First
Virginia Mayo (Resigned)	Grade 6	Bridgewater State Teachers College	B.S.E.	Tenth
Helen Jaques (Resigned)	Grade 3	Lyndon State Teachers College	B.S.	Second
Patricia Goguen (Resigned)	Grade 1	Boston University	B.M.	First
Christine Wilson	Music	SUPERVISORS N. E. Conservatory of Music	Three	Seventh
William L. Rinehart	Handwriting	University of Pittsburgh	A.M.	Seventh
E. Jane Coleman	Art, Mechanical Drawing	Mass. School of Art	B.S.E.	Third

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR PERIOD

JANUARY, 1955 TO JUNE, 1956

HIGH SCHOOL

Open January 3, 1955	Close February 18, 1955
Open February 28, 1955	Close April 15, 1955
Open April 25, 1955	Close June 24, 1955

SUMMER VACATION

Open September 7, 1955	Close December 22, 1955
Open January 3, 1956	Close February 17, 1956
Open February 27, 1956	Close April 13, 1956
Open April 23, 1956	Close June 22, 1956

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Same as High School except:

Close June 17, 1955

Close June 15, 1956

SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION

Good Friday Observance, April 8, 1955

Memorial Day Observance, May 30, 1955

Columbus Day Observance, October 12, 1955

Teachers' Convention, November 4, 1955

Veterans' Day Observance, November 11, 1955

Thanksgiving Recess, November 24-25, 1955

AGE OF ADMISSION TO SCHOOL

Any child who becomes six years of age on or before January first of the year following the term when he wishes to enter school may be admitted into the first grade, but in every case the admission of a child under six shall be dependent upon the fitness of the child to profit by the work of the school, such fitness to be determined by the superintendent. Pupils under seven years of age who have not previously attended school shall not be permitted to enter later than thirty days after the opening of school in September of any school year.

SCHOOL REGULATIONS

Any complaint or representation which any person desires to make shall be presented or referred in writing to the superintendent of schools, who, in his discretion may bring it before the school committee. In cases of discipline or other school matters relating to their children, parents shall first discuss the matter with the teacher concerned. If for some reason they are not satisfied they will further discuss the matter with the following persons, if necessary, and in the following order: first, the principal of the building and then the superintendent of schools. If, finally, the superintendent has been unable to satisfy the parents, he shall report the case to the school committee for consideration and action.

THE NO SCHOOL SIGNAL

It is the policy of the school officials to practically abandon the use of the "no school" signal on account of weather conditions. This is in line with what many other cities and towns are doing. The reason for so doing is

that much confusion has resulted from the use of the "no school" signal, and the realization that the loss of even one school day is a very serious one.

However, there may be days when it is advisable to close schools on account of severe weather conditions or any other emergency.

Arrangements have been made with Radio Stations WNAC, WBZ and WWON to broadcast the fact whenever it is necessary to close the schools. The "no school" signals are usually given before, during or immediately after the news program. The siren will also blow three blasts twice at 7:30 A.M.

If schools do not close on any particularly bad day (rain, snow, or cold) parents are requested, and urged, to use their own judgment in sending their children to school.

SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT

RECEIPTS

General Appropriation	\$64,433.61	
Dog Tax, 1954	473.39	
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Total Receipts		\$64,907.00
Total Expenditures	\$64,095.32	
Unexpended Balance		1.67

REIMBURSEMENTS

State Aid	\$13,108.46	
Superintendent: Salary-		
Transportation	1,493.29	
All School Transportation	8,859.76	
State Wards: Tuition,		
Transportation	1,000.19	
Vocational Education	246.45	
Returned Material	391.00	
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Total Reimbursements		\$25,099.15

TAXATION COST OF SCHOOLS

Total Expenditures	\$64,905.33	
Reimbursements	25,099.15	
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Net Cost by Taxation		\$39,806.18

EXPENDITURES

School Committee Expense	\$57.05
Superintendent's Salary	2,639.94

Superintendent's Expense	287.78	
Supervisor's Salaries	1,808.16	
Teachers' Salaries	33,471.57	
Textbooks	1,281.94	
School Supplies	916.98	
Wages of Janitor	3,000.00	
Fuel	1,428.89	
Janitor's Supplies	641.80	
Telephones	162.45	
Electricity	439.04	
Labor	25.88	
Advertising	10.50	
Police Protection	32.50	
Commissioner of Public Safety	10.00	
Replacements	360.00	
Trash Removal	41.25	
Repairs	5,974.45	
Library	13.00	
Health	645.93	
Transportation	10,778.30	
Driver Education Program	636.21	
New Equipment	107.10	
School Lunch Program	134.61	
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Total Expenditures		\$64,905.33

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of the Town of Mendon:

As your representatives in our public school system, we present our annual report to you,—a duty that is a pleasure to perform.

Three new teachers were added to our staff of school personnel this year due to the resignations of Miss Patricia Goguen, replaced by Mrs. Lillian Pennington of Hopedale; Miss Virginia Mayo, replaced by Mrs. Catherine Whelen of Milford; and Mrs. Helen Jaques, replaced by Miss Margaret Duren of Milford.

A new floor was laid in the fourth grade room. The tennis courts were resurfaced. Six classrooms, the cafeteria and two lavatories were repainted this year. The chimney has been rebuilt from the roof up and finished with a cement cap. A section of the roof of the school has been resingled. This was necessary due to damage suffered by the hurricanes Carol and Edna. Some painting had to be done over, due to water damage from these hurricanes.

The student-driver training program, as prescribed by the Registry of Motor Vehicles, has been in operation one year now and has been very successful under the capable supervision of Mr. Henry Clough, our principal. The automobile for this course of training was provided by Mr. Herman Ryan of the Ryan Motor Sales of Milford at a cost of \$1.

The present school building is filled to capacity. We will soon be required by law to provide special classes for retarded children. This will necessitate additional space and equipment. All indications are that within the next two years it will be necessary to provide two first grade classrooms. Additional space will be imperative for the high school. Your school committee has worked in close co-operation with your regional school planning board, appointed by our town moderator at the annual town meeting last March. We are pleased to report that much progress has been made toward a possible solution of overcoming this crowded condition in our school system.

We wish to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to Mr. Rowe, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Clough, Principal; the members of the teaching staff; the workers in the cafeteria and the transportation personnel for their services and co-operation throughout the past year.

We also extend our sincere thanks to the members of the Parent-Teacher Organization and other townspeople for their support and co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY C. YORK, Chairman
CHESTER F. FITZGERALD
GORDON R. GOOD, Secretary

Mendon School Committee.

October 1, 1954

GRADE	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Boys	Total	Total
I	B	4	14	1											19		
	G	6	14													20	39
II	B		4	19	1										24		
	G		4	10												14	38
III	B			4	13	1									18		
	G			3	16											19	37
IV	B				1	9	6	1							17		
	G				1	14	3	1								19	36
V	B					2	10	1							13		
	G						11	1								12	25
VI	B						3	13	2	1					19		
	G							6	17	1						24	43

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee of Mendon:

Gentlemen:

It is with pleasure that I submit for your consideration my twelfth annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

Three resignations from members of the teaching staff were received during the summer, namely, Mrs. Helen Jaques, Miss Patricia Goguen, and Miss Virginia Mayo. Mrs. Margaret Duren, of Milford, a graduate of Syracuse University, was engaged to replace Mrs. Helen Jaques in grade three. Mrs. Catherine Whelen, of Milford, a graduate of Boston University, was appointed to replace Miss Mayo in grade six. Mrs. Lillian Pennington, of Hopedale, a graduate of Rhode Island College of Education, was selected to fill the position in grade one left vacant by the resignation of Miss Goguen.

Everyday classroom instruction has been maintained on a high level. Many new modern textbooks have been purchased. Ample materials for teaching have been obtained and placed in the hands of teachers. Considerable testing has been done with nationally standardized tests. Stress is being placed on English and the related subjects of reading, spelling, and handwriting. Good citizenship, health and safety education are constantly being emphasized. The art program and the music program have made splendid progress under the direction of our special supervisors, Miss Coleman and Miss Wilson.

A course in driver-education has been inaugurated in the high school. Both classroom instruction and on-the-road training are now being given. This safety education program brings us in line with what a great majority of secondary schools in the state are doing. The beneficial results will lead to decreased fatalities and accidents on our highways. There will also be decreased insurance rates for those high school students who satisfactorily complete the course. We deeply appreciate the courtesy and co-operation of the H. C. Ryan Motor Sales, Incorporated, of Milford, for donating a new car for this purpose.

Under the direction of the State Department of Education and the Superintendents of Schools in the towns involved, an elementary conference, or workshop, was held in the new elementary school in Uxbridge on October 7, 1954. Elementary teachers from Bellingham, Blackstone, Douglas, Hopedale, Mendon, Millville, Northbridge, Sutton, and Uxbridge took part. The general subject of the conference centered around the language arts program, including reading, phonics, oral and written expression, spelling, and handwriting. The group meetings were preceded in the morning by a general meeting. At the close of the afternoon session all teachers attended another closing general session. Such conferences as this are very helpful to all teachers. All teachers participate in the meetings, where modern educational theory, procedures, and practices are thoroughly discussed.

The annual observance of American Education Week took place in November. The general theme for 1954 was "Good Schools Are Your Responsibility," with special daily topics. An open house night was held during Education Week with the school faculty present. Many parents took advantage of this opportunity to visit classrooms and discuss problems with teachers. There were

exhibits of the actual daily school work of pupils. Parents are cordially invited to visit their school and classrooms at any time convenient to them. This tends to make for better co-operation between home and school and a better understanding of the individual child.

The most serious problem facing the School Department is that of increasing school enrollment. In 1946 there were 246 pupils. On October 1, 1954, there were 350, an increase of 104 or 42% for the eight-year period. The following table shows the actual school enrollment from 1946 to 1954, inclusive, and the predicted enrollment from 1955 to 1965, inclusive:

ACTUAL AND PREDICTED ENROLLMENT 1946-1965

Grades

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total	
1946	19	21	25	18	29	20	41	16	21	15	11	11	247	
1947	25	20	24	25	20	28	28	28	16	16	12	7	249	+2
1948	32	21	18	22	22	20	27	27	23	12	13	12	249	same
1949	32	36	24	21	27	27	23	23	24	18	12	12	279	+30
1950	28	38	36	27	24	24	33	19	19	22	16	11	297	+18
1951	27	31	43	45	29	24	27	32	17	23	16	13	327	+30
1952	39	35	28	42	39	30	21	22	28	14	19	17	334	+7
1953	35	38	35	26	44	39	33	21	21	23	12	18	345	+11
1954	39	38	37	36	25	43	37	29	19	16	20	11	350	+5
1955	35	39	38	37	36	25	43	37	27	17	14	19	367	
1956	52	35	39	38	37	36	25	43	34	24	14	13	390	
1957	47	52	35	39	38	37	36	25	40	30	20	13	412	
1958	54	47	52	35	39	38	37	36	23	36	25	19	441	
1959	48	54	47	52	35	39	38	37	34	21	30	23	458	
1960	53	48	54	47	52	35	39	38	35	30	18	28	477	
1961	51	53	48	54	47	52	35	39	36	31	25	17	488	
1962	54	51	53	48	54	47	52	35	36	32	26	23	511	
1963	55	54	51	53	48	54	47	52	32	32	27	24	529	
1964	58	55	54	51	53	48	54	47	48	29	27	25	549	
1965	60	58	55	54	51	53	48	54	44	43	24	25	569	

All figures for each year are as of October 1. Figures beyond 1954 are estimates. It is difficult to make future predictions in school enrollment. The figures may be too high or too low, but they represent an attempt to indicate future expansion. The data has been estimated by using actual birth rates through 1953 and expected birth rates through 1959. If there should be further construction of new homes in town, with additional families moving in, the figures would naturally increase. The school building at the present time is filled to capacity. The ideal size of classes in the elementary grades is 26-28 pupils. The maximum should be considered 30. Only one class is under 30 and one has a total of 43.

Special blanket accident insurance for school children and school personnel was offered to all pupils on a purely voluntary basis in September. The School Department is neither opposed to, nor in favor of, such a project. The plan was simply made available to any parents who might desire it. The policy covers any type of accident occurring on a regular school day from the time the pupil has left his home for school, until he returns. A great many school systems throughout the state and country now have such accident coverage, but it is entirely voluntary on the part of parents.

An annual registration and visiting day was held in May, so that all entering first grade children could register for the September opening of school. The registration was very successful, much more so than in past years. A very high percentage of the entering class was registered. We deeply appreciate the splendid co-operation given by the parents of these children. Another such registration day will be held next May for first graders entering school in September, 1955. We sincerely hope that every first grade child can be registered then. It helps a great deal to know the size of entering first grade

class several months previous to the opening day of school. It also saves considerable time on the first day of school.

The annual census and distribution of all minors in town between the ages of 5 and 16 was taken in October, 1954. Figures shown in this table will not necessarily agree with the figures in the Age-Grade-Enrollment chart. The results of the annual registration of minors is as follows:

	5 years or over and under 7	7 years or over and under 16
Boys	37	143
Girls	33	153
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Totals	70	296

Distribution of Minors:

In Public School		
Membership	48	277
In Vocational School		
Membership		1
In Private School		
Membership		17
Not Enrolled in any		
School	22	1
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Totals	70	296

In addition to regular routine repairs, such as heating, plumbing, and electrical work, the following has been done: new roof on gable end of old building, refinishing of desks, new screens for cafeteria windows, new floor in one classroom, repairing and retopping chimney, re-

pairing and repaving tennis court, installation of a basement sump pump, and much interior painting, including first floor and basement classrooms, and the cafeteria.

Recommendations for future improvement might include more modern artificial lighting of classrooms, some roof repairs to new section of building, caulking and tightening of windows on street side of building, painting the outside of the building, fence repairs, and further repairs to grounds. The purchase of additional land adjoining the school property was certainly a wise investment. This land will be of inestimable value should building expansion ever be considered.

In conclusion, I wish to express to you my sincere thanks for your efforts in making the school year a very successful one. The assistance of the principal, teachers, supervisors, school physician, school nurse, townspeople, parents, and pupils is also deeply appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

PERCY L. ROWE,

Superintendent of Schools.

REPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

To Mr. Percy L. Rowe

Superintendent of Schools:

I herewith submit the annual report of Mendon High and Center School for the year ending December 31, 1954.

Enrollment in the building is at its highest point. Fortunately, grade enrollments are quite uniform in size, and classrooms are large enough to accommodate all grades without the necessity for subdivision. The senior high school has dropped ten pupils as compared with last year's figure. However, the junior high enrollment has increased fifteen, thus giving a net increase of five pupils in the junior-senior section of the building. It may be of interest to note that there is a class of eleven seniors to graduate in June, and an entering class in Grade Seven next September of approximately forty pupils. All available space in the building will be fully utilized. On December 23, 1954 enrollment figures by grades were as follows: Grade I 39; Grade II 38; Grade III 36; Grade IV 36; Grade V 25; Grade VI 44; Grade VII 39; Grade VIII 29, Grade IX 18; Grade X 15; Grade XI 20; Grade XII 11.

Eighteen students received diplomas at graduation exercises held Tuesday, June 22, 1954 at the Mendon Unitarian Church. To date this is the largest class to graduate from Mendon High School. Members of the Class of 1954: Jane L. Avery, Martha F. Carlson, E. M.

Dianne Channing, Lorraine C. Deiana, Betty-Ann Desmarais, Joanne Goodnow, Shirley A. Hazard, Wilhelmena M. Hensel, Anne P. Leone, Lorraine J. Lundvall, Marvin S. Mathewson, Howard F. Phipps, Lois B. Rocks, Helen A. Smith, Maureen A. Smith, Sandra G. Southwick, Palmer W. Swanson, Irene A. Wills.

Betty-Ann Desmarais attained highest scholastic honors and E. M. Dianne Channing second highest for four senior high school years. The Mendon High School Alumni Medal presented by the Alumni Association was awarded to E. M. Dianne Channing. Lorraine C. Deiana was the winner of the Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate presented by the Daughters of the American Revolution. Palmer W. Swanson was the winner of the American Legion Medal presented by the Roger L. Wood Post of the American Legion. E. M. Dianne Channing represented Mendon High School on Student Government Day at the State House. Charles F. Avery was chosen delegate to Boys' State and June R. Sutcliffe the delegate to Girls' State. These students represented Mendon High School at the annual conventions conducted by the American Legion and Legion Auxiliary.

The twenty-sixth annual prize speaking contest was held Friday, April 2, 1954 at the Mendon Town Hall. Nine students presented selections in the competition. First prize was awarded to Cornelius Bracco, second prize to Helen A. Hamilton, and third prize to June R. Sutcliffe.

The annual Senior Play was presented at the Town Hall on the evening of December 10, 1954. A cast of thirteen presented the three act mystery comedy, Ghost Wanted, in a most pleasing manner, under the direction of Mrs. Doris O'Neill of the high school faculty. On March 5, 1954 a musical variety program was presented

at the Town Hall under the direction of Miss Christine Wilson, Supervisor of Music.

On the evening of Tuesday, November 9, 1954 open house was held at the Center School in connection with the observance of American Education Week. In keeping with the practice of recent years, the open house included a display of pupils' work in all rooms, and conferences between parents and teachers. The attendance was excellent and the program of parent and teacher conference proved to be very much worthwhile.

A program of driver education has been in operation during the past year. Classroom work has been carried on in accordance with the recommendations of the Motor Vehicle Registry, and driver training on the highway has been given. The School has been very fortunate in having a driver training car to use during the year. Mr. Herman C. Ryan, proprietor of H. C. Ryan Motor Sales of Milford, has been most generous and public spirited in his donation of a new Ford automobile for use in driver training instruction. Mr. Ryan officially presented the car at a school assembly. Representatives of the Motor Vehicle Department and town officials attended the presentation. Thirty students have obtained their driver licenses during the year.

The school lunchroom continues to operate in a most effective and satisfactory manner under the able direction of Mrs. Louise Dautrich and her assistant, Mrs. Thressa Wright. Meals and service have been excellent and the volume of pupil lunches has increased. The School and those concerned with its operation are deeply appreciative of the generous donation of time and labor on the part of numerous mothers and friends of school children. This additional assistance is a most significant contribution to the success of the program.

Parents are cordially invited to visit school at any time and to confer with teachers and principal.

In conclusion, I wish to thank Mr. Percy L. Rowe, Superintendent of Schools, the School Committee, the Mendon Parent-Teacher Association, and the townspeople of Mendon for their cooperation and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY P. CLOUGH,

Principal.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

December 20, 1954

Mr. Percy L. Rowe

Superintendent of Schools

Mendon,
Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Rowe:

The following is the report of the Mendon School Work for 1954. Toxoid clinic opened March 30 and closed May 25.

14 children received the three protective doses of triple antigen.

4 children received the three protective doses of double antigen.

31 children received the booster dose.

The annual physical examinations of pupils showed the following defects:—

Number examined	111
Heart murmurs	1
Tonsils and inflamed throats	2
Ear conditions	3
Referred for dental evaluations	37
Acne	2
Athlete's foot	2
Fallen arches	2
Eczema	2

Speech defect	2
Plantar's wart	1
Poor posture	2
Small umbilical hernia	1
Hemangioma	1

Respectfully submitted,

RONALD A. LUKERT, M.D.

MENDON SCHOOL NURSING REPORT

1955

Mr. Percy L. Rowe

Superintendent of Schools

May we submit to you the Annual School Nursing Report for the year ending December, 1954.

Mendon School was visited Tuesday of each week when school was in session. Registration was held at the Mendon School on May 21, with the nurse assisting.

The State Department has now recommended that vision and hearing tests be done every year; also, that pupils of Grades 1, 4, 7, and 10 have a physical examination each year by the school physician.

The State Department again loaned us the Massachusetts Vision Testing Machine.

Dr. Lukert, school physician, has completed the physical examinations. Vision testing has also been completed and notices regarding defects were sent home to parents and guardians.

Antigen clinics were held in Mendon School on March 30, April 27, and May 25. Dr. Ronald Lukert, assisted by the nurses, conducted the clinics. Many hours of preparatory work were taken to make this event a success.

In the early part of the year we had an epidemic of mumps. Colds, sore throats, and grippe were also prevalent at intervals throughout the year.

The School Committee granted Mr. Rowe's request for a Patch Test survey for Mendon School pupils. This survey was made with no expense to the town, and was made possible through the purchase of Christmas Health Seals. On October 25, Mrs. Stockwell of the Southern Worcester County Health Association, and the school nurse Patch Tested 284 pupils. On October 27, the school nurse removed all patches, and the results were read on October 29 by Dr. Ronald Lukert, assisted by Mrs. Stockwell and the school nurse. The children showing reactions were taken to Boylston Sanatorium on November 23. Transportation to Boylston was arranged by Mr. Clough at a PTA meeting in Mendon. The response was most spontaneous for volunteer drivers. All X-ray reports were most gratifying.

All children were inspected, weighed and measured at intervals during the year. Dr. Ronald Lukert, school physician, assisted by the school nurse, has completed the physical examinations of all pupils present in Grades 1, 4, 7, and 10. The following defects were found amongst the children examined by Dr. Lukert:

Heart murmurs	1
Tonsils and inflamed throats	2
Ear conditions	3
Referred for dental evaluations	37
Acne	2
Athlete's foot	2
Fallen arches	2
Eczema	2
Speech defect	2
Plantar's wart	1
Poor posture	2
Small umbilical hernia	1
Hemangioma	1

The following is a summary of the work done by the nurse in her visits to the school:

1—Inspection of pupils	604
2—Pupils inspected for disease	143
3—Pupils recommended for exclusion	15
4—Pupil and nurse conferences	120
5—Nurse and teacher conferences	190
6—Pupils treated for minor injuries	62
7—Home visits	41

In closing, may we express our thanks to Dr. Lukert for his co-operation throughout the year. May we also thank Mr. Rowe, superintendent, Mr. Clough, the teachers and parents for their courtesy and co-operation, and the school committee and town officials for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

GRACE MORAN, R.N.,

Supervisor of Nurses.

REPORT OF MUSIC SUPERVISOR

To the Superintendent of Schools:

My dear Mr. Rowe:

Music, as one of the vital forces of education, should contribute much to the total school program of learning. I believe that the highest values in music education lie in aesthetic, inspiring musical experiences, whether they be for fun, for entertainment, as a pastime or as an accomplishment. Vocal music, of course, is my specialty and quoting from the National Association of Teachers of Singing, I would like to list the reasons for studying Voice—

“Singing fortifies health, widens culture, refines the intelligence, enriches the imagination, makes for happiness and endows life with an added zest.”

Good singing in choral classes is due to many contributing factors. I suppose these practices become boring to the pupil who has heard me stress them over and over from almost his first day at school through his last high school year. Yet everyday it seems necessary to correct bad vocal habits and emphasize the use of good ones. Most of the vocal “ills” stem from a few general weak vocal practices in tone; intonation; interpretation and diction.

Singing is really sustained speech and therefore depends upon one major vocal practice — breath support and breath control. Without it there cannot be good quality or freedom of tone production. Breath control

for singing must be practiced conscientiously until it becomes an unconscious habit, for breath makes the tone.

Although such things as room temperature, placement of a piano or the physical condition of the singers affect a group's pitch, the most common reasons for faulty intonation are: poor breath support (I like to give as an example of "going flat" because of lack of breath, the lowering in pitch as a bicycle tire loses its air); failure to sing in a post nasal direction; impurity of vowel sounds; and failure to listen.

Interpretation is the specific responsibility of the director. Most groups learn through imitation and suggestion, so the director must provide the model and then demand the copy. Usually, a performance will be as artistic as is the imagination and artistry of the director.

Finally, the greatest helps for developing good diction are two simple rules—vowels can be sung but consonants must be pronounced; and, be aware of anticipating consonants.

Within the past twenty years, we have seen, as in every other subject, a great change in the musical content of the usual school curriculum. There has been a re-evaluation of the place of so-called Popular Music in the music education program. By popular music, we do not mean the current style of juke box, radio, and television "singing," in which the "artist" has a trick voice or uses a "gimmick" such as wailing or any other weird dissonances. Popular music actually means music that has become known and liked for its good melody, and fine, solid harmonies, such as music by Jerome Kern, Rogers and Hammerstein, Cole Porter and many others of our fine American composers.

In closing, may I thank the Mendon School Personnel, everyone connected with the school program, and especially you, Mr. Rowe, for your understanding and co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

CHRISTINE M. WILSON,

Supervisor of Music.

REPORT OF ART SUPERVISOR

To Mr. Percy L. Rowe
Superintendent of Schools

Dear Mr. Rowe:

It is the aim of art education to enrich the lives of all children through the understanding that art education is a vital part of every area of living, whether it be rural countryside or the industrial metropolis. The pupils in the Mendon school have ample opportunity to express themselves in art whether in illustrating some personal experience, the impression of a story or creating a design for a special occasion.

Second, third, and fourth grades designed wall hangings on cloth and all classes have participated in making large decorative pictures for their own classrooms. Some classes have experimented with mobiles.

Ninety pupils had work displayed at the Taft Public Library during National Art Week in November. Last Spring several girls from Grade Eight made and painted the backdrop for the Stephen Foster musical presented by the school.

This year, in addition to the regular Mechanical Drawing class, there are three high school pupils who are taking Advanced Mechanical Drawing. They have been working on sectional drawings, surface development and architectural drawing.

I wish to thank you, Mr. Rowe, the School Committee, Mr. Clough, and the teachers in Mendon for such fine cooperation in the art program for our school.

Respectfully submitted,
E. JANE COLEMAN.

MENDON HIGH SCHOOL PRIZE SPEAKING CONTEST

MENDON TOWN HALL

FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 1954

"Brotherly Love"	Black
Muriel L. Brothers	
"Brothers Take A Bow"	Black
Charles F. Avery	
"Out Talking The Talkies"	Wayne
June R. Sutcliffe	
Mighty Men	Danish Folk Tune
Grade Six Chorus	
"Submerged"	Cottman-Shaw
Freeman H. Lowell	
"Betty Does The Ironing"	Harbour
Gloria I. Lamothe	
"Old Soldiers Never Die"	Purvis
Cornelius B. Bracco	
Northern Sunrise	Bergh
Grade Six Chorus	
"Oh, No!"	Bell
Ruth A. Wiersma	
"A One-Man Dog"	Black
Kelvin L. Parkinson	
"Comedy and Tragedy"	Gilbert
Helen Ann Hamilton	
Robe of Calvary	Twomey, White, St. Clair, Rivers
Grade Six Chorus	
Decision of Judges	

GRADUATION EXERCISES
OF
MENDON HIGH SCHOOL
TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 1954

Processional—Pomp and Circumstance Elgar
Mrs. Bertha B. Rogers

Invocation

Rev. William C. Nelson

Salutatory and Essay—The History of Mendon High
School's First Twenty Years
Dianne Channing

Essay—Building Citizens Through Group Activities
Jane L. Avery

Essay—The Achievements of the United Nations
Maureen A. Smith

Essay—The Miracle of Radio
Howard F. Phipps

Song—Victor Herbert Favorites arr. Douglas MacLean
High School Chorus

Essay—A Girl's Viewpoint on the Armed Services as a
Career
Joanne Goodnow

Essay—Early Mendon
Sandra G. Southwick

Essay—Immigration—Past and Present
Palmer W. Swanson

Song—Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor
arr. Fred Waring
High School Chorus

Essay and Valedictory—Communist Infiltration in the
United States
Betty Ann Desmarais

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Worcester, ss.

*TO THE CONSTABLE of the TOWN of Mendon in the
COUNTY of WORCESTER, Greeting:*

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Mendon qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the TOWN HALL in said Mendon on MONDAY the SEVENTH day of MARCH A.D. 1955 punctually at 9:00 o'clock A.M., to act on

Article 1.

Article 2. and all following Articles on this Warrant will be acted upon Friday the 11th day of March at 7:00 P.M.

Article 1. To bring in their ballots for the following Town Officers:

- One Moderator for one year;
- One Town Clerk for one year;
- One Selectman for three years;
- One Assessor for three years;
- One Town Treasurer for three years;
- One Tax Collector for three years;

Presentation of Diplomas and Awards

Mr. Harry C. York, Chairman School Committee

Presentation of American Legion Medal

Mr. George P. Hutchinson,

Commander Roger L. Wood Post, American Legion

Star Spangled Banner

Benediction

Rev. William C. Nelson

Recessional—March Romaine Gounod

Mrs. Bertha B. Rogers

GRADUATES OF MENDON HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1954

Jane L. Avery

Martha F. Carlson

Dianne E. M. Channing

Lorraine C. Deiana

Betty A. Desmarais

Joanne Goodnow

Shirley A. Hazard

Wilhelmena M. Hensel

Anne P. Leone

Lorraine J. Lundvall

Marvin S. Mathewson

Howard F. Phipps

Lois B. Rocks

Helen A. Smith

Maureen A. Smith

Sandra G. Southwick

Palmer W. Swanson

Irene A. Wills

- One Constable for one year;
- One Tree Warden for one year;
- One Trustee of the Taft Public Library
for two years;
- One Member of the School Committee
for three years;
- One Park Commissioner for three years;
- One Highway Surveyor for one year;
- One Water Commissioner for three years;
- One Water Commissioner for two years,

all on one ballot, designating the office intended for each person.

Article 2. To hear the reports of the several Town Officers and Committees and act thereon.

Article 3. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 4. To appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town expenses for the financial year beginning January 1, 1955.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow a sum of money not to exceed \$25,000 in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1955 and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year and to renew any note or notes as may be given for the period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 6. To see if the Town will appropriate any sum of money for the improvement and repairs of highways, to be expended under the direction of the Massachusetts Department of Public Works as provided under Chapter 81 of the General Laws as amended, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 7. To see if the Town will appropriate any sum of money for the operation and repairs of Town machinery, a part or whole to be taken from the Road Machinery Fund, or take any action in relation to the same.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate any sum of money for the maintenance of Chapter 90 Roads, said money to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State and County for this purpose, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate any sum of money for Chapter 90 New Construction provided the State and County will contribute for such work under the provisions of Chapter 90 of the General Laws.

Article 10. To see what action the Town will take regarding any legal proceedings that may be brought against or by the Town.

Article 11. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell any or all real estate owned by the Town by reason of the foreclosure of Tax Title thereon and to execute, acknowledge and deliver a proper deed or deeds therefor, authority therefor to terminate March 5, 1956 or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the dog license refund from the Worcester County

in 1955 to be used for general school expenses in 1955, or to take any action in relation to the same.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$5,000. from available funds to the Stabilization Fund, as defined in Chapter 124, Acts of 1945 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500. for fire hose, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$940. for the purpose of purchasing 200 chairs for the supper room in the Town Hall, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$125.00 for Mendon's share for printing booklets explaining the Regional School.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for Civilian Defense to be expended only in cases where funds are matched by the State or Federal government, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a truck with four-wheel drive, with dump body and specified extras for \$5,500.00; \$3,800.00 to be transferred from the Road Machinery Fund to the Road Machinery account as a down payment; and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen be, and hereby is authorized to borrow an amount up to \$1,700.00 to be paid in the year 1956; the White truck to be used as a trade-in; and the Selectmen and Highway Surveyor to be author-

ized to purchase said truck, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 to widen and raise the road and install proper drainage on Washington Street between the residences of Silas Ames and William Munsell, or take any action in relation thereto.

POLLS WILL CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in said Mendon and causing a copy to be published once in the Milford Daily News, a newspaper published in Milford, Mass., both said posting and publication to be at least seven days before the time of the meeting hereby ordered to be held.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk of said town before the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Mendon, this 31st day of January A.D. 1955.

HAROLD METCALF,
JOHN L. LUNDVALL,
ERNEST P. WOOD,

Selectmen of Mendon.

A true copy, attest:

HAROLD C. BARROWS,
Constable of Mendon.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Article 4.

	1954	1954	1955
	Appropriations	Transfers	Expenditures
	\$	\$	\$
Moderator's Salary	25.00		25.00
Selectmen's Salaries	700.00		700.00
Selectmen's Expense	200.00		156.73
Treasurer's Salary	700.00		700.00
Treasurer's Expense	200.00		196.03
Tax Title Foreclosure	36.00	\$52.60	36.00
Town Accountant's Salary	400.00		400.00
Town Accountant's Expense	50.00		50.00
Town Clerk's Salary	250.00		250.00
Town Clerk's Expense	450.00		348.60
Tax Collector's Salary	925.00		925.00
Tax Collector's Expense	250.00		229.45
Assessors' Salaries	700.00		700.00
Assessors' Expense	300.00		193.77
Elections and Registrations	600.00	542.93	1,142.93
Town Counsel Salary	100.00		100.00
Town Counsel Expense	75.00	63.15	138.15
Clerical Hire—Town Officers	300.00		294.08
			300.00

Town Officers' Bonds	240.00	210.09	266.00
Town Hall Maintenance	900.00	885.78	1,475.00
Record Room Maintenance	375.00	361.23	375.00
Heat and Lights—Tn. Bldgs.	3,000.00	2,339.18	3,000.00
Constable's Salary	25.00	25.00	25.00
Police Department	3,500.00	4,277.43	3,000.00
Fire Department	2,000.00	2,021.81	2,070.00
Forest Fires	500.00	521.93	500.00
Dog Officer	100.00	92.00	125.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	50.00	52.50	60.00
Wiring Inspector	80.00	80.00	80.00
Board of Health	1,500.00	1,320.50	1,500.00
Tree Warden	1,300.00	1,224.82	900.00
Insect Pest Control	652.87	652.75	653.00
Dutch Elm Disease Control	326.44	326.25	500.00
Inspector of Animals	150.00	150.00	150.00
Inspector of Slaughtering	25.00	25.00	25.00
General Repairs—Highways	2,100.00	2,087.97	3,000.00
Snow Removal	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Street Lighting	819.00	819.00	819.00
Public Welfare—Salaries	45.00	45.00	45.00
Public Welfare—Temporary Aid	6,000.00	5,765.36	6,000.00
Administration O.A.A. and A.D.C.	935.00	935.00	1,025.00

Aid to Dependent Children -----	1,500.00	536.33	1,000.00
Old Age Assistance -----	16,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.00
Veterans' Benefits -----	2,000.00	3,403.29	3,500.00
Administ. Veterans' Benefits -----	100.00	100.00	100.00
School Department -----	64,433.61	64,905.33	68,239.38
Vocational Education -----	1,500.00	1,495.10	2,700.00
Taft Public Library -----	1,050.00	1,050.00	850.00
Park Department -----	350.00	548.65	350.00
Care Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves -----	30.00	30.00	30.00
Water Department Maintenance -----	1,000.00	934.03	925.00
Memorial Day Celebration -----	225.00	205.15	225.00
Insurance on Town Buildings -----	1,800.00	1,829.60	1,600.00
Town Reports -----	666.00	666.00	
Reserve Fund -----	2,000.00	1,722.27	2,000.00
Maturing Debt -----	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Interest on Maturing Debt -----	438.75	438.75	393.75
Interest on Temporary Loans -----	200.00	211.67	200.00
Worcester County Ret. Expense Fund -----	1,233.48	1,233.48	1,136.96

1955 RECOMMENDATIONS

- Article 6. \$3,700.00 Chapter 81
- Article 7. \$2,00.00 Road Machinery Repairs
- Article 8. \$1,200.00 Chapter 90 Maintenance
- Article 9. \$2,500.00 Chapter 90 Construction
- Article 12. Approved
- Article 13. Approved
- Article 14. Approved
- Article 15. Approved
- Article 16. Approved
- Article 17. Approved
- Article 18. Approved
- Article 19. Approved

LEE P. MCFARLAND, Chairman,
FRANKLIN E. GOODNOW,
ROY A. BARROWS,
Mendon Finance Committee.

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of the

TOWN OFFICERS

of the

TOWN OF MENDON

including the report of the

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

for the

MUNICIPAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1955

Harding Road 289th ANNUAL REPORT

1955 Board
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Leo Hutchinson
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TOWN OF MENDON

Town of Mendon Incorporated May 15, 1667.

Population 1905, 1955 Census.

Registered Voters in 1955, 904

Annual Election : First Monday in March.

Annual Meeting :

First Friday Evening after the first Monday in March.

County Commissioners :

Francis E. Cassidy, Chairman	Webster
Edward P. Bird	Fitchburg
Joseph A. Aspero	Worcester

Fourteenth Congressional District :

Congressman, Joseph William Martin, Jr.	
	North Attleboro

Fourth Senatorial District :

Joseph E. Gibney	Webster
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Eighth Worcester Representative District :

Representatives General Court :

Charles Mullaly, Jr.	Millville
Charles E. Luke Driscoll	Northbridge

Sheriff for Worcester County :

William A. Bennett	Worcester
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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

Roy A. Barrows

Selectmen

John L. Lundvall Term expires 1956

Ernest P. Wood Term expires 1957

Harold Metcalf Term expires 1958

Board of Public Welfare,

Board of Health and Fence Viewers

Harold Metcalf John L. Lundvall Ernest P. Wood

Town Clerk

Albert S. Coleman

Town Treasurer

Charles F. Leonard Term expires 1958

Tax Collector

Arthur P. Dalton Term expires 1958

Assessors

Carl M. Taft, Clerk Term expires 1956

D. Kinsley Barnes Term expires 1957

Donald B. Lowell Term expires 1958

School Committee

Harry C. York Term expires 1956
 Gordon R. Good Term expires 1957 ✓
 Chester F. FitzGerald Term expires 1958

Superintendent of Schools

Percy L. Rowe

Trustees of Taft Public Library

Vestella M. Daniels Term expires 1956
 Henry P. Clough, Secretary Term expires 1957 ✓
 John L. Lundvall Percy L. Rowe Harry C. York

Water Commissioners

Franklin E. Goodnow* Term expires 1956
 Clarence E. Varney Term expires 1957 ✓
 Donato F. Leone Term expires 1958

*Died June 1955 - M. Morton Goodnow appointed to fill vacancy until March 1956.

Park Commissioners

Fred R. Phipps Term expires 1956
 George A. Johnson Term expires 1957 ✓
 William D. Rondeau Term expires 1958 ✓
 Constable Harold C. Barrows
 Tree Warden and
 Moth Superintendent William E. Nuttall ✓
 Highway Surveyor William R. Bowen ✓

Officers Appointed by the Selectmen

Chief of Police	William D. Rondeau
Town Counsel	Shelley D. Vincent
Dog Officer	William D. Rondeau
Wiring Inspector	Walter J. Channing
Sealer of Weights and Measures	William D. Rondeau
Fire Chief and Forest Warden	William F. Irons
Superintendent of Streets	William R. Bowen
Burial Agent	Norry J. Daige
Custodian of Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves	Richard F. Harding
Inspector of Slaughtering	Willard N. Seibert

Inspector of Animals

Roy A. Barrows

Town Accountant - Helen F. Irons	Term expires 1956
Surveyor of Wood and Bark	Arthur V. Pond
Veterans' Agent	Philip W. Harding

Registrars of Voters

Asa B. Vear	Term expires 1956
Joseph W. McEwen	Term expires 1957
Edward T. Powers	Term expires 1958
Albert S. Coleman, Clerk	

Finance Committee

Roy A. Barrows Term expires 1956
 Lee P. McFarland Term expires 1957
 Franklin E. Goodnow* Term expires 1958

*Died June 1955 - George C. Cadman appointed to fill unexpired term.

Forest Committee

Harold F. Lowell Term expires 1956
 Norry J. Daige Term expires 1957
 Charles F. Leonard Term expires 1958

Field Drivers

Alex Woleck W. Arthur Robinson
 Edward Goss

Caucus Committee

Robert P. Congdon Philip W. Harding
 George P. Hutchinson

FINANCIAL REPORTS

MODERATOR—SALARY

Appropriation	\$25.00
Expended:	
Roy A. Barrows	25.00

SELECTMEN—SALARIES

Appropriation	\$700.00
Expended:	
John L. Lundvall	\$283.33
Ernest P. Wood	200.00
Harold Metcalf	216.67
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Total expended:	\$700.00

SELECTMEN—EXPENSES

Appropriation	\$350.00
Expended:	
Stationery and	
Postage	\$26.00
Lock Box	3.30
Cahill's News	
Agency	4.80
Milford Daily News	18.60
State & County Dues	21.00
Perambulating	
Town Bounds	150.00
Traveling Expense	27.00
Licenses and permits	15.26
Town Maps	28.00
Expenses to	
State Meeting	49.33

Telephone Index	5.00	
Total expended		\$348.29
Unexpended	1.71	
		\$350.00

TREASURER—SALARY

Appropriation		\$700.00
Expended:		
Charles F. Leonard		\$700.00

TREASURER—EXPENSES

Appropriation		\$275.00
Expended:		
Postage	\$96.60	
Hobbs & Warren Inc.	2.77	
State Dues	2.00	
Check books	14.55	
Forbes Press	12.00	
Preparing		
Schedule A	15.00	
Cahill's News Agcy.	24.97	
Woonsocket		
Typewriter Co. ..	29.15	
Mass. Division		
of Accts.	18.83	
Miscellaneous		
expense	20.00	
Use of car	20.00	
Total expended		\$255.87
Unexpended	19.13	
		\$275.00

TAX TITLE FORECLOSURE

Appropriation		\$36.00
Unexpended		\$36.00

TOWN ACCOUNTANT—SALARY

Appropriation	\$400.00
Expended:	
Helen F. Irons	\$400.00

TOWN ACCOUNTANT—EXPENSES

Appropriation	\$50.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund ..	2.53
Total	\$52.53
Expended:	
Mass. Division	
of Accts.	\$44.53
Taft Printing Co.	8.00
Total expended	\$52.53

TOWN CLERK—SALARY

Appropriation	\$250.00
Expended:	
Albert S. Coleman	\$250.00

TOWN CLERK—EXPENSES

Appropriation	\$375.00
Expended:	
Cahill's News Agcy.	\$30.35
Printing and postage	66.48
Recording fees	79.00
Henry Twitchell	2.80
Dues and expenses,	
State Meetings	34.35
Miscellaneous	
expenses	66.83
Total expended	\$279.81
Unexpended	95.19
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	\$375.00

TAX COLLECTOR—SALARY

Appropriation	\$925.00
Expended:	
Arthur P. Dalton	\$925.00

TAX COLLECTOR—EXPENSES

Appropriation	\$250.00
Expended:	
Barre Gazette	\$51.01
Use of car	31.00
Forbes Press	44.00
Postage	75.00
Deputy Collector's	
Bond	5.00
State Dues	2.00
Cahill's News Agcy.	7.16
Henry Twitchell	11.00
Hobbs & Warren, Inc.	19.76
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Total expended	\$245.93
Unexpended	4.07
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	\$250.00

ASSESSORS—SALARIES

Appropriation	\$700.00
Expended:	
Donald B. Lowell	\$200.00
D. Kinsley Barnes	200.00
Carl M. Taft, Clerk	300.00
Total Expended	\$700.00

ASSESSORS—EXPENSES

Appropriation	\$300.00
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Expended:

Postage	\$15.50
Tax Tables	1.00
Deed Abstracts	103.63
Hobbs & Warren Inc.	36.37
State & County	
Dues	9.00
D. Kinsley Barnes,	
use of car	10.00
Donald B. Lowell,	
use of car	20.00

Total expended	\$195.50
Unexpended	104.50

\$300.00

ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS

Appropriation	\$666.00
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Expended:

Election Payrolls	\$132.50
Street listing	88.75
E. M. Tornwall,	
printing	45.00
Henry Twitchell	70.90
Registrars' Salaries	140.00
Miscellaneous	3.30

Total expended	\$480.45
Unexpended	185.55

\$666.00

STATE CENSUS—1955

Appropriation	\$250.00
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Expended :

Payrolls	\$226.95
Unexpended	23.05

 \$250.00

TOWN COUNSEL—SALARY

Appropriation	\$100.00
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Expended :

Shelley D. Vincent	\$100.00
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TOWN COUNSEL—EXPENSES

Appropriation	\$75.00
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Expended :

Shelley D. Vincent	\$75.00
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CLERICAL HIRE FOR TOWN OFFICERS

Appropriation	\$300.00
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Expended :

Helen F. Irons	\$300.00
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TOWN OFFICERS' BONDS

Appropriation	\$266.00
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Expended :

Karl A. Bright	\$266.00
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TOWN HALL CHAIRS

Appropriation	\$940.00
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Expended :

J. L. Hammett Co.	\$940.00
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TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	\$1,475.00
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Expended:

J. L. Hammett Co. ..	\$15.00
C. L. Goss	9.75
Otis L. Clark, painting	615.10
Raymond Dudley, janitor	480.00
Janitor's supplies	38.24
Arc Way Welding Service ..	53.00
Bottled gas	27.70

Total expended	\$1,238.79
Unexpended	236.21

\$1,475.00

RECORD ROOM MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	\$375.00
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Expended:

Carrie Marlow	\$50.00
Sub. Propane Gas ..	230.61
Wor. Co. Elec. Co. ..	26.90
Telephone Calls	7.25
Royal Typewriter Co.	28.11
Cahill's News Agcy.	10.25
F. A. Irons, repairs	17.30

Total expended	\$370.42
Unexpended	4.58

\$375.00

HEAT AND LIGHTS: TOWN HALL, FIRE STATION AND HIGHWAY BARN

Appropriation		\$3,000.00
Expended:		
E. T. Powers,		
repairs	\$129.57	
Worc. Co. Elec. Co.	199.88	
H. J. Shaughnessy,		
fuel	2,224.77	
Boiler inspection	10.00	
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Total expended	\$2,564.22	
Unexpended	435.78	
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		\$3,000.00

CONSTABLE—SALARY

Appropriation		\$25.00
Expended:		
Harold C. Barrows	\$6.25	
William D. Rondeau	18.75	
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Total expended		\$25.00

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		\$3,000.00
Expended:		
Wages:		
William D.		
Rondeau, Chief	\$565.79	
Harold Metcalf	362.40	
Philip W. Harding	211.03	
Harold Barrows, Jr.	292.51	
Norry J. Daige	54.64	

Raymond Rogers	3.75	
Paul Tyler	199.14	
Robert Bartlett ..	133.14	
Thomas Malia	84.25	
Thomas Stevens ..	64.25	
Mileage	656.10	
C. C. Shattuck,		
supplies	7.90	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	236.43	
State Prison	6.55	
Forbes Press	18.50	
Postage	6.00	
V. H. Blackinton		
& Co.	9.75	
Cahill's News Agcy.	59.13	
Hopedale Coal &		
Ice Co.	11.89	
Comm. of Mass.	2.50	
Staymen's	4.50	
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Total expended	\$2,990.15	
Unexpended	9.85	
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		\$3,000.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		\$2,070.00
Expended:		
Payrolls	\$591.00	
Salary-Fire Chief	100.00	
W. H. Gibbons,		
insurance	178.50	
L. R. Berger,		
supplies	41.80	
Cleaning water holes	70.50	
Dues, N. E. Fire		

Chiefs' Asso.	3.00	
Carrie Marlow,		
test blowing	50.00	
Lakeside Garage	249.02	
Worc. Co. Elec. Co.	36.00	
Gas, oil etc.	65.89	
Nat. Fire Protection		
Assn.	13.59	
L. N. Jaques &		
Sons	22.59	
Farrar Co.	49.80	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	263.35	
C. C. Shattuck,		
supplies	27.39	
Cahill's News Agcy.	3.60	
Otis L. Clark Co.,		
painting	228.00	
Harold Freeman,		
repairs	42.50	
Miscellaneous supplies	15.93	
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Total expended	\$2,052.46	
Unexpended	17.54	
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		\$2,070.00

FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		\$500.00
Expended:		
William F. Irons,		
Warden	\$25.00	
Pay rolls	475.00	
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Total expended		\$500.00

FIRE HOSE

Appropriation	\$500.00
Expended:	
Farrar Co.	\$500.00

DOG OFFICER

Appropriation	\$125.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund	66.50
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Total	\$191.50
Expended:	
William D. Rondeau,	
board and dis-	
posing of 30 dogs	\$156.50
William D. Rondeau,	
salary and use of	
car	35.00
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	\$191.50

CIVILIAN DEFENSE

Balance January 1, 1955	\$175.93
Appropriation	500.00
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Total	\$675.93
Expended:	
Comm: of Mass.	\$675.00
Balance	
December 31, 1955	.93
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	\$675.93

SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

Appropriation	\$60.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund	22.05
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Total	\$82.05

Expended:

William D. Rondeau,	
Salary & use of car	\$60.00
Hobbs & Warren Inc.	6.69
W. & L. E. Gurley	15.36
Total expended	\$82.05

WIRE INSPECTOR

Appropriation	\$80.00
Expended:	
Walter J. Channing,	
salary	\$80.00

BOARD OF HEALTH

Appropriation	\$1,500.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund	57.83
Total	\$1,557.83
Expended:	
Comm. of Mass.	\$10.00
District Nurse Assn.	100.00
Hobbs & Warren Inc.	1.63
John L. Lundvall,	
use of car	5.00
Milton Taft, survey	155.00
Town Dump:	
A. F. Bonda, rent	150.00
A. F. Bonda, labor	844.00
Edward Walenty,	
labor	135.00
Highway Dept.,	
labor	54.20
Milford Extermi-	
nating Ser.	100.00
Ingham's Signs ..	3.00
Total expended	\$1,557.83

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Appropriation	\$150.00
Expended:	
Roy A. Barrows	\$150.00

INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

Appropriation	\$25.00
Expended:	
Willard A. Seibert	\$25.00

DUTCH ELM DISEASE CONTROL

Appropriation	\$500.00
Expended:	
Price-Fletcher,	
spraying	\$200.00
Wm. Nuttall,	
salary and labor	190.00
Harold Metcalf, labor	110.00
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Total expended	\$500.00

INSECT PEST CONTROL

Appropriation	\$653.00
Expended:	
Wm. Nuttall, salary	
and labor	\$26.00
Price-Fletcher,	
spraying	600.00
Clayton Wright	9.20
George Hutchinson	12.00
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Total expended	\$647.20
Unexpended	5.80
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	\$653.00

TREE WARDEN

Appropriation		\$900.00
Expended:		
William Nuttall,		
salary	\$12.00	
Labor:		
William Nuttall ..	288.30	
George Blanchard	84.00	
George Hutchinson	150.00	
Harold Metcalf ..	172.50	
Clifford Mathewson	32.50	
Clayton Wright ..	9.20	
Austin Taft, Jr. ..	10.00	
William Hutchinson	2.50	
Price-Fletcher Tree		
Service	100.00	
Jesse White, saw		
& chain	24.90	
Total expended	\$885.90	
Unexpended	14.10	
		\$900.00

STREET LIGHTING

Appropriation		\$819.00
Expended:		
Worcester Co. Elec. Co.	\$756.00	
Unexpended	63.00	
		\$819.00

NEW HIGHWAY (DUMP) TRUCK

Transfer from Road Machinery Fund	\$3,800.00
Expended:	
Nelson Service Station	\$3,800.00

TAFT AVENUE — CONSTRUCTION

Balance January 1, 1955	\$1,000.00
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Expended:

Labor	\$69.60
Town Equipment	56.00
Rosenfeld Sand	
& Stone Co.	6.28
Clayton Wright	20.00
Lee McFarland,	
land taking	200.00

Total expended	\$351.88
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Balance December 31, 1955	648.12
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\$1,000.00

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

GENERAL REPAIRS

Appropriation	\$3,000.00
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Expended:

Labor	\$1,556.94
Town Equipment	233.30
Hired Equipment	374.75
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	167.43
Rosenfeld Sand &	
Stone Co.	29.03
Upton Fuel &	
Const. Co.	97.40
Leonard Jaques & Sons	86.02
C. C. Shattuck	15.68
Dues, State & County	
Supt. Assn.	7.00
Smith Hwy. Equip Co.	29.86
Clark-Shaughnessy Inc.	27.75

Wm. H. Casey Store	32.42	
Lester Hill	1.00	
Jesse White	6.35	
Waldo Thayer	8.50	
Gob Shops	10.66	
Smith Steere, labor		
& paint	35.00	
Daniels Ins. Co.	7.60	
Files Equip. Co.	55.90	
Ingham's Sign Shop	23.00	
Corbett Concrete		
Pipe Co.	169.32	
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Total Expended	\$2,974.91	
Unexpended	25.09	
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SNOW REMOVAL

Appropriation	\$6,000.00
Expended :	
Labor	\$1,103.15
Town Equipment	704.40
Hired Equipment	528.75
Files Equip. Co.	11.00
Seaver's Express Inc	3.21
Dyar Sales &	
Mach. Co.	64.00
Rosenfeld Sand &	
Stone Co.	681.15
The Chemical Corp.	550.00
Smith Hwy. Equip. Co.	40.00
Ross Bros. Co.	38.00
Mendon Auto Salvage	64.00
International	
Salt Co.	\$204.00

Wiersma Bros.	45.00	
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Total expended	\$4,036.66	
Unexpended	1,963.34	
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WASHINGTON STREET DRAINAGE

Appropriation	\$2,500.00
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Expended :

Labor	\$363.80
Town Equipment	9.20
Hired Equipment	682.50
Corbett Concrete	
Pipe Co.	97.12
Upton Fuel &	
Const. Co.	1,220.05
Roland Temple	2.37
Henry J. Poirier	124.25
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Total expended	\$2,499.29	
Unexpended71	
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CHAPTER 81

Town Appropriation	\$3,700.00
State Allotment	10,175.00
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Total	\$13,875.00

Expended :

Labor	\$6,176.20
Town Equipment	1,553.85
Hired Equipment	927.50
H. A. Daniels Co.,	
Insurance	580.52

Rosenfeld Sand & Stone Co.	1,316.94	
Trimount Bituminous Products	2,064.85	
Corbett Concrete Pipe Co.	61.20	
Upton Fuel & Const. Co.	999.50	
Penn Culvert Co.	124.19	
State Prison	70.00	
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Total expended	\$13,874.75	
Unexpended25	
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CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

Town Appropriation	\$1,200.00	
State Allotment	1,200.00	
County Allotment	1,200.00	
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Total		\$3,600.00
Expended :		
Labor	\$788.30	
Town Equipment	682.00	
Hired Equipment	56.00	
Trimount Bituminous Products	1,633.71	
Rosenfeld Sand & Stone Co.	393.17	
H. A. Daniels Co., ..	46.27	
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Total expended	\$3,599.45	
Unexpended55	
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CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION

Town Appropriation	\$2,500.00
State Allotment	5,000.00
County Allotment	2,500.00
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Total	\$10,000.00

Expended:

Labor	\$360.40	
Town Equipment	72.80	
Hired Equipment	226.25	
Upton Fuel & Const. Co.	120.60	
N. E. Metal Culvert Co.	738.41	
Corbett Concrete Pipe Co.	324.80	
H. A. Daniels Co., Ins.	21.16	
Total expended	\$1,864.42	
Unexpended	8,135.58	
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ROAD MACHINERY—MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS

Transferred from Road Machinery Fund	\$2,000.00
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Expended

Labor	\$20.80
Lakeside Garage	441.67
Mendon Gulf Station	660.45
H. A. Daniels Co.	21.00
Donald B. Lowell	65.19
Karl Bright Ins. Agy.	122.48
Bowker-Hamblin- Malmquist	67.04
Arc Way Welding Co.	40.46

Norman Rogers	10.00	
Registry Motor Veh.	3.00	
Milford Daily News	4.50	
Files Equip. Co.	180.00	
Kelly Farm Equip. Co.	228.13	
Vater's Garage	1.50	
O'Grady Serv. Sta ...	60.75	
Blackstone Garage ..	19.75	
Mendon Auto Salvage	52.50	
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Total expended	\$1,999.22	
Unexpended78	
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		\$2,000.00

ROAD MACHINERY FUND

Balance January 1, 1955	\$5,806.37	
Transferred to:		
Maintenance &		
Repairs	\$2,000.00	
New Dump Truck	3,800.00	
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Total Transfers	5,800.00	
Balance		\$6.37
Paid to Town Treasurer for use of equipment:		
Chapter 81	\$1,553.85	
Chapter 90 Const.	72.80	
Chapter 90 Maint. ..	682.00	
General Repairs	233.30	
Snow Removal	704.40	
Board of Health	20.00	
Washington St.		
Drainage	9.20	
Taft Ave Const.	56.00	

Miscellaneous rentals	9.00	
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Total receipts	3,340.55	
Unexpended balances78	
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Balance December 31, 1955		\$3,347.70

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE—SALARIES

Appropriation		\$45.00
Expended:		
Harold Metcalf	\$15.00	
John L. Lundvall	15.00	
Ernest P. Wood	15.00	
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Total expended		\$45.00

PUBLIC WELFARE—TEMPORARY AID

Appropriation	\$6,000.00	
Transfer from Reserve Fund.....	461.29	
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Total		\$6,461.29

Expended:

(Mendon Settlement)

Three persons in own homes	\$1,875.42	
Three families in own homes	129.16	
Two persons in other towns	201.20	
One family in other town	594.05	
One person, hospitalization	360.00	
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		\$3,159.83

(Settlement Other Towns)

One person in own home	\$272.75	
Two families in own homes	1,519.31	
	<hr/>	1,792.06

(No Settlement—Chargeable to State)

One person in own home	839.25	
One family in own home	67.35	
	<hr/>	906.60

(Disability Assistance)

Two persons in own homes	592.80	
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(Administration)

United Community Services	10.00	
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Total expended		\$6,461.29
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Proportionate share of above expenses:

State of Massachusetts	\$906.60	
Other Cities and Towns	1,792.06	
State & Federal share for Disability Asst.	444.60	
Town of Mendon	3,318.03	
	<hr/>	\$6,461.29

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE—Federal Grant

Received from Federal Government:

Direct Aid	964.06	
Administration	112.52	
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Total		\$1,076.58

Expended:

Direct Aid,		
two cases	\$371.50	
Administration	96.20	
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Total expended	\$967.70	
Unexpended	108.88	
	<hr/>	\$1,076.58

Summary:

State and Federal	
share	\$725.77
Town of Mendon	241.93
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	\$967.70

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Appropriation	\$1,000.00	
From Reserve Fund	312.99	
Federal Grants—Assistance	635.41	
Federal Grants—		
Administration	115.53	
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Total		\$2,063.93

Expended:

Comm. of Massachusetts, refund	\$2,063.93
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OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Appropriation	\$16,000.00	
Federal Grants	16,407.05	
Transfer from Reserve Fund	6.22	
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Total		\$32,413.27

Expended:

For Direct Aid, 47 cases	\$32,413.27
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Summary:

Federal Gov't	
share	\$14,390.32
State of Mass.	13,180.30
Other Cities and	
Towns	1,113.61
Town of Mendon ..	3,729.04
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	\$32,413.27

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE—ADMINISTRATION

Appropriation	\$1,025.00	
Federal Grants	971.94	
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Total		\$1,996.94

Expended:

Helen F. Irons,		
Welfare Worker	\$1,703.80	
N. E. Tel. &		
Tel. Co.	153.28	
Aucoins Press	6.37	
Taft Printing Co.	10.00	
Postage	64.26	
Traveling expense ..	23.53	
Hobbs & Warren,		
Inc.	4.74	
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Total expended	\$1,965.98	
Unexpended	30.96	
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		\$1,996.94

Summary:

Federal Gov't	
share	\$820.03
Town of Mendon	1,145.95
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	\$1,965.98

VETERAN'S BENEFITS

Appropriation	\$3,500.00
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Expended:

Aid one person	
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in other town	\$743.60
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Aid three families	
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in other towns	689.40
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Aid three persons	
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in Mendon	198.30
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Aid three families	
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in Mendon	340.50
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Dues state &	
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County Assn.	5.00
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Postage and supplies	15.25
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Agent's expenses	75.00
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Total expended	\$2,067.05
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Unexpended	1,432.95
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	<u> </u>	\$3,500.00
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Summary:

State's share of	
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above	\$972.08
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Town of Mendon	1,094.97
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	<u> </u>	\$2,067.05
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ADMINISTRATION OF VETERANS' BENEFITS

Appropriation	\$100.00
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Expended:

Ernest J. A. Bouchard, Agt.	\$25.00
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Philip W. Harding, Agt.	75.00
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Total expended	\$100.00
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SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$68,239.38
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Dog Tax Refund	536.62
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Total	<u> </u>	\$68,776.00
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Expended :	\$68,032.26	
Unexpended	743.74	
	<hr/>	\$68,776.00

(See School Report for detail of expenditures.)

SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

Balance January 1, 1955		\$385.37
Expended :		
Norman Rogers	\$35.75	
Varney Bros., Sand & Gravel Co.	30.25	
Roy A. Barrows & Sons	105.00	
Ingham's Signs	1.50	
E. T. Powers	28.70	
Hopedale Coal & Ice Co.	6.30	
Bradbury-Locke Co.	1.40	
Arc Way Welding Service	50.00	
Philip Manseau, labor	33.75	
Donald Gaskell, labor	41.10	
George Boulanger, mowing	40.00	
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Total expended	\$373.75	
Balance December 31, 1955	11.62	
	<hr/>	\$385.37

REGIONAL SCHOOL BOOKLETS

Appropriation		\$117.75
Expended :		
The Drummond Press Inc.	\$115.00	
Unexpended	2.75	
	<hr/>	\$117.75

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Appropriation	\$2,700.00
Expended :	
Town of Framingham	\$16.80

Norfolk Co. Agri.		
School	1,470.00	
City of Worcester	155.10	
Transportation	329.50	
Total expended	<u> </u>	\$1,971.40
Unexpended		728.60
	<u> </u>	\$2,700.00

SPECIAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Balance January 1, 1955	\$1,495.75	
Revenue from meals	7,076.01	
State Reimbursement	3,359.13	
Total	<u> </u>	\$11,930.89
Expended:		
Salaries	\$2,535.00	
Food supplies	7,692.40	
Equipment & supplies	206.40	
Express charges	123.54	
Repairs to equipment	174.15	
Total expended	<u> </u>	\$10,731.49
Balance December 31, 1955	1,199.40	
	<u> </u>	\$11,930.89

PARK DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		\$350.00
Expended:		
Labor:		
Fred Phipps	\$10.00	
George Johnson	256.01	
Bruce Thomas	46.50	
Clayton Parkinson	16.80	
Lakeside Flower Shop	19.00	
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Total expended	\$348.31	
Unexpended	1.69	
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		\$350.00

WATER DEPARTMENT MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		\$925.00
Expended:		
Consoletti service, Cape Rd.	\$204.33	
Shuber service, Bates St.	110.57	
Coulter service, Hartford Ave.	91.78	
Milea Restaurant, new meter	32.39	
Geo. Allen, meter reading	15.00	
Town of Bellingham, water	384.87	
Helen F. Irons, clerical	12.00	
Postage and supplies	12.77	
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Total expended	\$863.71	
Unexpended	61.29	
	<hr/>	\$925.00

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' GRAVES

Appropriation	\$30.00
Expended:	
Swan Dale Cemetery Assoc.	\$30.00

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

Appropriation	\$225.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund	3.35
Total	<hr/>
	\$228.35
Expended:	
S. of U. V., flags	\$12.00
D. C. Ryan, band	150.00
Clayton Parkinson	26.30
C. C. Shattuck, supplies	40.05
Total expended	<hr/>
	\$228.35

TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Appropriation	\$950.00
Expended:	
H. W. Wilson Co.	\$12.80

American Library Assoc.	6.00	
Worcester Co. Elec. Co.	31.60	
Barney Coal Co.	213.72	
Campbell & Hall Inc.	165.84	
Dura Binding	14.71	
Gaylord Brothers Inc.	23.20	
Werber & Rose	7.50	
Goldberger Agency Inc.	43.65	
Richard Bethel	28.00	
Vestella Daniels, Librarian	300.00	
Raymond Dudley, Janitor	100.00	
Total expended	\$947.02	
Unexpended	2.98	
		<u>\$950.00</u>

INSURANCE ON TOWN BUILDINGS

Appropriation	\$1,600.00	
Transfer from Reserve Fund	99.49	
Total		<u>\$1,699.49</u>
Expended :		
Donald B. Lowell, Agt.	\$1,600.00	
Chas. H. Clougherty Co.	99.49	
Total expended		<u>\$1,699.49</u>

TOWN REPORTS

Appropriation		\$748.60
Expended :		
Uxbridge Printing Co.	\$727.60	
Delivery of Reports	21.00	
Total expended		<u>\$748.60</u>

RESERVE FUND

Appropriation		\$2,000.00
Transfers:		
To Town Accountant Expense	\$2.53	
To Sealer of Weights & Measures	22.05	
To Memorial Day Observance	3.35	
To Dog Officer Account	66.50	
To Board of Health	57.83	
To Public Welfare	461.29	
To Old Age Assistance	6.22	
To Insurance Town Buildings	99.49	
To Aid to Dependent Children	312.99	
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Total Transfers	\$1,032.25	
Unexpended	967.75	
	<hr/>	\$2,000.00

MATURING DEBT

Appropriation		\$2,000.00
Expended:		
School House Loan	\$1,000.00	
Water Construction Loan	1,000.00	
Total expended		\$2,000.00

INTEREST ON MATURING DEBT

Appropriation		\$393.75
Expended:		
Water Construction Loan	\$326.25	
School House Loan	67.50	
Total expended	<hr/>	\$393.75

REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT

December 31, 1955

RECEIPTS

General Revenue

Taxes:

Current Year:

Poll	\$924.00
Personal Property	8,529.32
Real Estate	79,231.71
Motor Vehicle Excise	17,938.77

Previous Years:

Personal Property	608.41
Real Estate	5,472.87
Motor Vehicle Excise	3,321.98

Special Taxes:

Estate of Deceased Persons ..	623.40
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From the State:

Corporation Tax	5,796.00
Income Tax	10,304.11

Licenses and Permits	842.00
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Court Fines	62.00
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Grants and Gifts:

From Federal Government:

Old Age Assistance	15,215.42
Aid to Dependent Children	7.31
Disability Assistance	877.45
Flood Damage	2,669.50

From State :

School Aid, Chapter 70	7,300.00
School Superintendents	1,493.33
Vocational Education	631.90
School Transportation	9,388.70
Tuition State Wards	1,440.84

Highways:

Chapter 81, 1954 Contract	6,616.25
Chapter 81, 1955 Contract	6,924.05
Hurricane Damage, "Carol"	489.00
Hurricane Damage, "Edna"	886.78
Inspector of Animals	75.00
O.A.A., Meal Tax	722.09
Rent of Fire Tower land	50.00

From County :

Dog License Refund	536.62
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Other :

Sale of Town maps	6.00
Cert. of Municipal Liens	2.00

Commercial Revenue

Town Hall Rent	335.00
Gasoline Registration	1.00
Wire Inspections	94.00
Sealer's Fees	27.00
County, Dog Officer Refund	154.00

Highways:

Truck and Machinery rental	3,340.55
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Charities:

Temporary Aid:

From the State	\$1,013.63
From Cities and Towns	3,237.50

Disability Assistance:

From the State	273.41
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Old Age Assistance:

From the State	13,414.35
From Cities and Towns	1,419.79
From Individuals	71.80

Veterans' Benefits:

From the State	1,619.20
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Schools:

No. Smithfield, tuition	255.84
School Lunch Revenue	10,435.14
Library Fines	19.24
Water Department Revenue	1,505.59

Interest:

Thayer Cemetery Fund	5.00
Deferred Taxes	259.65
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes ...	67.12

Agency, Trust and Investment

Dog License Fees due County	635.20
Trust Fund Income	312.32
Federal Withholding Taxes	8,060.41
Worcester Co. Retirement Fund ..	1,263.94

Refunds

Collector's Bond	35.00
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Fire Insurance Dividends	296.72	
Selectmen, for advertising	6.75	
Uncashed check	1.00	
Total Receipts		\$237,146.96
Balance January 1, 1955		37,056.81
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		\$274,203.77

EXPENDITURES

General Government

Moderator's Salary	\$25.00
Selectmen's Salaries	700.00
Selectmen's Expense	348.29
Town Accountant's Salary	400.00
Town Accountant's Expense	52.53
Treasurer's Salary	700.00
Treasurer's Expense	255.87
Collector's Salary	925.00
Collector's Expense	245.93
Assessors' Salaries	700.00
Assessors' Expense	195.50
Town Counsel's Salary	\$100.00
Town Counsel's Expense	75.00
Town Clerk's Salary	250.00
Town Clerk's Expense	279.81
Elections & Registration	480.45
Clerical Hire—Town Officers	300.00
Bonds for Town Officers	266.00
Town Hall Maintenance	1,238.79
Record Room Maintenance	370.42
Heat and Lights—	
Town Buildings	2,564.22
Town Hall Chairs	940.00

Protection of Persons and Property

Constables' Salaries	25.00
Police Department	2,990.15
Fire Department	2,052.46
Wire Inspector	80.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures ..	82.05
Insect Pest Control	647.20
Dutch Elm Disease Control	500.00
Tree Warden	885.90
Forest Fires	500.00
Dog Officer	191.50
Civilian Defense	675.00
Fire Hose	500.00
Gypsy and Browntail Moth (State)	289.10
Flood Damage	9,148.24

Health and Sanitation

Board of Health	1,557.83
Worcester County Hospital	2,473.88
Inspector of Animals	150.00
Inspector of Slaughtering	25.00

Highways

General Repairs	\$2,974.91
Highway Machinery Maintenance	1,999.22
Snow Removal	4,036.66
Chapter 81	13,874.75
Chapter 90 Maintenance	3,599.45
Chapter 90 Construction.....	1,864.42
Washington Street Drainage	2,499.29
Taft Avenue Construction	351.88
Street Lighting	756.00
New Dump Truck	3,800.00

Charities

Public Welfare Salaries	45.00
General Relief	5,862.49
Disability Assistance	1,488.30
Aid to Dependent Children	3,718.81
Old Age Assistance	32,413.27
Administration of Public Assistance	2,062.18
Veterans' Benefits	2,049.05
Administration of Veterans' Benefits	100.00

Schools and Library

School Department	\$68,032.26
Vocational Education	1,971.40
School Playground	373.75
School Lunch Program	10,731.49
Taft Public Library	947.02
Regional School Booklets	115.00

Unclassified

Park Department	\$348.31
Memorial Day Observance	228.35
Annuity Fund	500.00
Insurance—Town Buildings	1,699.49
Worc. County Retirement Fund ..	1,136.96
Town Reports	748.60
Soldiers and Sailors' Graves	30.00
State Census	226.95

Public Service Enterprise

Water Department	\$863.71
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Interest

School House Note	\$67.50
Water Construction Note	326.25

Municipal Indebtedness

School House Loan	\$1,000.00
Water Construction Loan	1,000.00
State Parks and Reservations	250.21

Agency, Trust and Investment

County Tax	\$5,216.29
Dog Licenses for County	637.00
Austin Fletcher Library Fund	45.57
Anna Ellis Library Fund	11.75
Austin Wood Relief Fund	255.00
Federal Withholding Taxes	8,060.41
Worc. County Retirement	
Deductions	1,263.94
Stabilization Fund	5,000.00

Refunds

1955 Real Estate Taxes	\$115.00
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	908.22
Dog Officer Account	77.00

Total Expenditures	\$229,869.23
Balance December 31, 1955	44,334.54
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	\$274,203.77

HELEN F. IRONS

Town Accountant

TOWN OF MENDON

Balance Sheet - December 31, 1955

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets

Cash:

General	\$44,334.54
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Accounts Receivable:

Taxes:

Levy of 1954:

Personal Property	\$95.92
Real Estate	1,141.65

Levy of 1955:

Personal Property	714.38
Real Estate	4,286.35

 6,238.30

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:

Levy of 1955	945.72
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Special Taxes:

Estates of Deceased Persons	94.00
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Tax Titles	\$52.74
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Tax Possessions	53.87
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 106.61

Departmental:

Town Hall	\$105.00
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General Relief	565.01
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Veterans' Services	539.49
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 1,209.50

Water	95.71
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Aid to Highways:

State:

Chapter 81	\$3,250.95
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Chapter 90	
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Maintenance	1,200.00
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Construction	5,000.00
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County:

Chapter 90	
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Maintenance	1,200.00
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Construction	2,500.00
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 13,150.95

Loans Authorized:		
Highway Equipment	1,700.00	
Unprovided for or Overdrawn Accounts:		
Underestimates 1955:		
County Tax	556.29	
Flood Damage 1955	6,478.74	
Overdrawn Appropriations:		
Highways:		
Chapter 81	\$3,250.70	
Chapter 90		
Maintenance	2,399.45	
		5,650.15
		<u>\$80,560.51</u>
Liabilities and Reserves		
Excess—sales of Lands of Low Value	\$	69.63
Tailings		31.78
Founders Park Gift		5.97
Thayer Cemetery Fund Income		20.06
Old Age Assistance Recoveries		71.80
Federal Grants:		
Disability Assistance:		
Administration	\$16.32	
Assistance	92.56	
Old Age Assistance:		
Administration	30.96	
		<u>139.84</u>
School Lunch Program		1,199.40
Appropriation Balances:		
Revenue:		
General	1,296.25	
Loans Authorized and Unissued	1,700.00	
Overestimates 1955:		
County Hospital Assessment	\$127.98	
State Parks and		
Reservations	34.23	
Gypsy & Browntail Moth	37.34	
		<u>199.55</u>
Sale of Real Estate Fund		700.00
Receipts Reserved for Appropriations:		
Road Machinery	3,347.70	
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus	4,852.40	
Overlays Reserved for Abatements:		
	\$413.90	
	740.74	
		<u>1,154.64</u>

Revenue Reserved Until Collected:

Motor Vehicle and Trailer	
Excise	\$945.72
Special Tax	94.00
Tax Title and Possession	106.61
Departmental	1,209.50
Water	95.71
Aid to Highway	13,150.95
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	15,602.49
Surplus Revenue	50,169.00
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	\$80,560.51

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:

Inside Debt Limit:

General	\$2,000.00
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Outside Debt Limit:

Public Service Enterprise	14,000.00
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\$16,000.00

Inside Debt Limit:

General:

School Addition	\$2,000.00
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Outside Debt Limit:

Public Service Enterprise:

Water	14,000.00
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\$16,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds:

Cash and Securities:

In custody of Treasurer	\$48,384.70
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\$48,384.70

Austin Wood Relief Fund	\$1,229.32
Nathan R. George Relief Fund	1,359.05
Austin B. Fletcher Library Fund	5,336.25
Anna Ellis Library Fund	630.25
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	226.88
Post-War Rehabilitation Fund	1,313.58
Stabilization Fund	38,289.37

\$48,384.70

HELEN F. IRONS,
Town Accountant.

LIST OF JURORS

Arthur Bethel	Cape Road	Printer
William R. Bowen	Bates St.	Supt. of Streets
Stephen E. Broughey	Milford St.	Machinist
Robert P. Congdon	Washington St.	Inspector
Frank E. Dudley	Maple St.	Payroll Clerk
Everett F. Goodnow	North Ave.	Rigger
James H. Grant	Millville St.	Advertising Mgr.
Norman H. Handley	North Ave	Store Manager
Edward G. Harvey	Taft Ave.	Steamfitter
Everett J. Kempton	Hartford Ave. W.	Foreman
Charles F. Leonard	Providence St.	Realtor
Etore J. Magliocca	Cape Road	Oil Dealer
Madeleine W. Mann	Washington St.	Housewife
Kenneth D. Morgan	North Ave. Tele. Line	Assignee
Elmo E. Pickering	Kinsley Lane	Grinder
Leonard M. Rogers	North Ave.	Research Engineer
Carl R. Swanson	North Ave.	Engin'r'g Foreman
Fern Wagner	Millville St.	Tile Worker
Edward J. Wolanski	North Ave.	Designer
Ernest P. Wood	Hartford Ave. W.	Tool Maker

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

CASH RECEIPTS

JANUARY 1, 1955—January 1, 1956

Cash on hand January 1, 1955	\$37,056.81	
Receipts for year 1955	237,146.96	
		<u>\$274,203.77</u>

Paid per Selectmen's Warrants

1955	\$229,869.23	
Cash balance December 31, 1955 ..	44,334.54	
		<u>\$274,203.77</u>
Balance on hand December 31, 1955		\$44,334.54

In The Home National

Bank	\$6,948.26
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In The Milford National

Bank	37,610.71
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Cash in hands of

Treasurer	119.05	
		<u>\$54,678.02</u>

Less uncashed checks as of

December 31, 1955	10,343.48	
		<u>\$44,334.54</u>

(See Town Accountant's Report for detail of
Receipts and Expenditures)

TRUST FUND REPORTS—DECEMBER 31, 1955

AUSTIN WOOD RELIEF FUND

Dr.

To Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$609.99	
To Interest received from		
Milford Savings Bank	18.43	
		<u>\$628.42</u>

To Cash in Worcester County Institution for Savings	\$830.81	
To Interest received from Worcester County Institution for Savings	25.09	
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	\$855.90	
To one Relief Order	\$255.00	
	<hr/>	\$600.90
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		\$1,229.32

Cr.

By Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$628.42	
By Cash in Worcester County Institution for Savings	600.90	
	<hr/>	\$1,229.32

U. S. DEFENSE BOND

Dr.

To one U. S. Defense Bond	\$1,000.00	
To Interest received on Bond	12.50	
To Interest received previous to 1955, and on deposit in The Home National Bank of Milford	296.62	
To Interest received from The Home National Bank of Milford	4.46	
	<hr/>	\$1,313.58

Cr.

By one U. S. Defense Bond	\$1,000.00	
By cash in the Home National Bank of Milford	313.58	
	<hr/>	\$1,313.58

STABILIZATION FUND

Dr.

To Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$21,167.30	
To Interest received from		
Milford Savings Bank	488.65	
To Cash in Milford Federal		
Savings and Loan Association	16,145.43	
To Interest received from Milford		
Federal Savings and Loan		
Association	487.99	
	<hr/>	\$38,289.37

Cr.

By Cash in Milford Savings Bank	21,655.95	
By Cash in Milford Federal		
Savings and Loan Association	16,633.42	
	<hr/>	\$38,289.37

ANNA ELLIS LIBRARY FUND

Dr.

To Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$623.35	
To Interest received from		
Milford Savings Bank	18.65	
	<hr/>	\$642.00

Cr.

By Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$630.25	
By One Library Order	11.75	
	<hr/>	\$642.00

NATHAN R. GEORGE JR. TRUST FUND

Dr.

To Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$1,319.19	
To Interest received from		
Milford Savings Bank	39.86	
	<hr/>	\$1,359.05

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Cr.

By Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$1,359.05	
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AUSTIN B. FLETCHER LIBRARY FUND

Dr.

To Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$5,224.60	
To Interest received from		
Milford Savings Bank	157.22	
	<hr/>	\$5,381.82

Cr.

By Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$5,336.25	
By 2 Library Orders	45.57	
	<hr/>	\$5,381.82

ANNIE E. GASKILL LOT—BICKNELL CEMETERY

Dr.

To Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$110.12	
To Interest received from		
Milford Savings Bank	3.32	
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Cr.

By Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$113.44	
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JOSEPH S. COX, JOSEPH BATES AND JOHN S. COX
LOTS—BICKNELL CEMETERY

Dr.

To Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$110.12
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To Interest received from		
Milford Savings Bank	3.32	
	<hr/>	\$113.44

Cr.

By Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$113.44	
	<hr/>	\$113.44

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. LEONARD

Treasurer

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

1955

1953 Personal Property Taxes

Dr.

Taxes Outstanding Jan. 1, 1955 ..	\$140.80	
Interest	7.04	
	_____	\$147.84

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$147.84	
Uncollected .....	.00	
	_____	\$147.84

1953 Real Estate Taxes

Dr.

Taxes Outstanding Jan. 1, 1955 ..	\$804.45	
Interest	45.36	
	_____	\$849.81

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$849.81	
Uncollected .....	.00	
	_____	\$849.81

1954 Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes

Dr.

Total Outstanding Jan. 1, 1955
and Including Taxes Committed

Jan. 22, 1955	\$3,406.89	
Interest	39.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,445.89

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$3,360.98	
Abated	84.91	
Uncollected .....	.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,445.89

1954 Personal Property Taxes

Dr.

Taxes Outstanding Jan. 1, 1955	\$845.53	
Interest	15.22	
	<hr/>	\$860.75

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$482.83	
Abated	282.00	
Uncollected	95.92	
	<hr/>	\$860.75

1954 Real Estate Taxes

Dr.

Taxes Outstanding Jan. 1, 1955 ..	\$5,814.77	
Interest	132.07	
	<hr/>	\$5,946.84

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$4,800.49	
Abated	4.70	
Uncollected	1,141.65	
	<hr/>	\$5,946.84

1955 Poll Taxes

Dr.

Taxes Committed	\$1,122.00	
Interest	1.56	
Charges and Fees	20.30	
	<hr/>	\$1,143.86

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	945.86	
Abated	198.00	
Uncollected .....	.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,143.86

1955 Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes

Dr.

Total Taxes Committed	\$19,688.98	
Interest	28.12	
	<hr/>	\$19,717.10

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$17,966.89	
Abated	804.49	
Uncollected	945.72	
	<hr/>	\$19,717.10

1955 Personal Property Taxes

Dr.

Taxes Committed	\$9,485.66	
Interest	1.33	
	<hr/>	\$9,486.99

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$8,530.65	
Abated	241.96	
Uncollected	714.38	
	<hr/>	\$9,486.99

1955 Real Estate Taxes

Dr.

Taxes Committed	\$85,222.36	
Interest	30.53	
	<hr/>	\$85,252.89

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$79,262.24	
Abated	1,704.30	
Uncollected	4,286.35	
	<hr/>	\$85,252.89

Tax Refunds For 1955

1954 Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	\$212.76	
1955 Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	695.46	
1955 Real Estate Taxes	115.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,023.22

Certificate of Municipal Liens

Dr.

Att. John P. Vaccaro	\$2.00	
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Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$2.00	
	<hr/>	\$2.00

Tax Liens Against Estate of
Deceased Persons

Dr.

Estate of Mary A. Blaisdell	\$629.64	
Estate of Bertha G. Wilson	94.94	
	<hr/>	\$724.58

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$629.64	
Uncollected	94.94	
	<hr/>	\$724.58

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR P. DALTON

Collector of Taxes.

January 1, 1956

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

1955

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen, I hereby submit the following report for the Police Dept.

Disturbances	3
Breaks Reported	10
Complaints	99
Persons conveyed to Hospital	3
Attempted Assault	1
Robbery in the Daytime	1
Assault and Battery	1
Cars reported stolen	4
Stolen Cars Returned	4
Commitments to State Hospital	3
Assisted State Police	3
Persons Reported missing	3
Missing Persons Found	3
Accidents (Property Damage in excess of \$100.)	22
Accidents (Property Damage under \$100)	16
Bicycles reported lost and recovered	2
Hit and Run accidents reported	7

Licenses recommended suspended	32
Registrations recommended suspended	1
Tags issued for Defective Equipment	22
Parking Tags Issued	28
Pistol Permits issued	20
Pistol Permits Revoked	1
Arrests made	3
Summons served for Out of Town Police	13
Motorists summoned for Traffic Violations	16
Motorists found Guilty for Traffic Violations	15

It is with great pleasure that I am able to report to you, that with the cooperation of everyone, we were able to get through the year 1955 without a pedestrian or traffic fatality. We, as a department have made every effort to make the Town a much safer place in which to live. A total of 7155 miles was covered by the Police department while performing their duties.

Since the Patrol Boy program, which was sponsored by the American Legion unit, has been put into effect, I, like most parents whose children have to cross one of our main highways which passes through town, feel that the children will safely get to and from school without the possibility of being run down by some inconsiderate motorist. School bus service has been extended to some of the outlying sections of town, which I am sure is greatly appreciated by those receiving such service.

We have had a big drop in the number of accidents in the past year, from 44 down to 38. I tried throughout the year to have an officer out at different times, when

I considered traffic to be the heaviest, which I believe was a big help in cutting down on traffic violations and the number of accidents. Bad driving conditions accounted for a 20% increase in our accident record in a five week period.

In an attempt to cut down the number of breaks, I had two officers patrolling from Midnight to Four and Five in the morning, but with the prevailing rate of pay per hour, which is \$3.00 for the first hour and \$2.00 for every hour thereafter, I was unable to keep this plan in effect for any great length of time, because it proved to be too great an expense. The cost per night was approximately \$25.00 which included mileage.

I have recommended to the Finance committee that the sum of \$912.00 be voted and appropriated at the next Town meeting. This money will be used to pay the officer for the 2 hours he so faithfully puts in at the station each week. The station being open every night has been a big help to a great many people.

With a considerable amount of planning and figuring, we as a department stayed within our budget which was voted by you. I am happy to say that we were able to patrol our highways right on through to the end of the year.

In closing, I must say that the co-operation of everyone has been greater than can be expressed here with words.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM D. RONDEAU

Chief of Police

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen :

I hereby submit to you the following report for the year 1955, as Sealer of Weights and Measures :

Scales under 100 lbs. at 50¢	5
Scales over 100 lbs. at \$1.00	1
Gasoline Pumps at \$1.00	10
Grease Pumps at \$1.00	5
Milk Tanks at \$1.00 for the 1st hundred and 50¢ for each additional 100 gallons stored.	

Fees and adjusting charges authorized by Section 56, General Laws, Chapter 98 as amended by Chapter 34, Acts of 1949.

Milk storage tanks have recently been put into use by some of the farmers who produce milk for the whole-sale market. The milk is removed from them by a tank truck which has a pump attached to it.

I would like to again caution everyone using scales or pumps that when Seals are broken for adjustment or repairs, the Sealer of Weights and Measures should be notified before this equipment is used again.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM D. RONDEAU
Sealer of Weights & Measures.

REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen :

I hereby submit to you the following report for the year 1955 :

Dogs reported lost	12
Dogs killed by Autos	15
Children bitten by Dogs	5
Dogs destroyed for worrying, maiming, or killing livestock	1
Dogs Boarded	20
Dogs Destroyed	19
Complaints Received and Investigated	20

I am very pleased to announce that several dog owners have complied with my request in regards to having their dogs collared and tagged with a name plate. This sometimes means the difference between losing and recovering a valuable dog.

Dog owners should make a special effort to see that their dogs and kennel licenses are secured in time, which is by March 31st. Seventy-five dogs were reported unlicensed as of June 1, which had to be collected by me.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM D. RONDEAU

Dog Officer

ASSESSORS' REPORT

The Assessors' Recapitulation Sheet and Table of
Aggregates is given below :

RECAPITULATION 1955

Town Appropriations:

Voted since 1954 Tax Rate was fixed	\$164,962.96
Other	2,104.08
State: Tax and Assessments	610.88
County: Tax and Assessments ..	7,261.86
Overlay for 1955	3,000.00
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Gross Amount to be raised	\$177,939.78
Estimated Receipts	\$68,852.23
Available Funds	13,257.53
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Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds	82,109.76
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Net amount to be raised by taxation on Polls and Property	\$95,830.02
561 Poll Taxes at \$2.00	\$1,122.00
Personal Property Taxes	9,485.66
Real Estate Taxes	85,222.36
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	\$95,830.02

AGGREGATES 1955

Number of Assessments on		
Real Estate	737	
Number of Assessments on		
Personal Estate	70	
Number of Polls Assessed	561	
Value of Assessed Personal Estate :		
Stock-in-trade	\$11,600.00	
Machinery	103,300.00	
Livestock	66,960.00	
Other tangible Personal Property	24,350.00	
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Total value of Assessed Personal Estate		\$206,210.00
Value of Assessed Real Estate :		
Land exclusive of buildings	\$331,615.00	
Buildings exclusive of land	1,521,045.00	
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Total value of Assessed Real Estate		\$1,852,660.00
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Total valuation of Assessed Estate		\$2,058,870.00
Tax on Personal Estate	\$9,485.66	
Tax on Real Estate	85,222.36	
Tax on Polls	1,122.00	
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Total taxes levied		\$95,830.02
Rate of Tax per \$1,000	\$46.00	
Number of Livestock Assessed :		
Horses	19	
Cows	495	
Other Neat Cattle	101	

Swine	39
Sheep	7
Fowl	9,750
All other	10
Number of Dwelling	
Houses assessed	628
Number of Acres of	
Land assessed	10,761

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes

Committed to Collector:

Vehicles registered	
in 1954	\$799.67
Vehicles registered	
in 1955	19,688.98
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Total Commitments	\$20,488.65
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes Abated:	
1954 Taxes	\$297.67
1955 Taxes	1,499.95
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Total Abatements	\$1,797.62

OVERLAY ACCOUNT 1955

1955 Overlay	\$3,000.00
1955 Abatements on Polls	
and Property	2,259.26

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD B. LOWELL
D. KINSLEY BARNES
CARL M. TAFT, Clerk
Board of Assessors

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

December 31, 1955

To the Selectmen of Mendon :

Gentlemen :

The Fire Department answered 18 alarms in 1955 with an estimated loss of \$3,960.

2 House Fires	1 Garage Fire
4 Chimney Fires	2 Auto Fires
1 Wet Hay in Barn	2 Truck Fires
1 Small Barn Fire	1 Oil Burner smoke scare
2 Water Pump Fires	1 Electric Wiring
1 Lightning Scare	
4 calls for the Resuscitator.	
9 calls to pump out wells.	
17 cellars pumped out after flood.	
3 calls for the generator.	

The Firemen held an auction in June and made a good sum of money which was spent for a parade, refreshments and entertainment the night before the Fourth of July.

Firemen decorated the station at Christmas and with members of the Grange, lighted the tree in Founders' Park.

The Fire Station was painted on the outside and the first floor inside. A new safety rail was installed on both sides of the stairway leading to the upper floor.

Through the alertness of Richard Hickmott and Wesley Shattuck a major fire and fatality was averted on the occasion of one house fire.

The Forest Fire Department answered 33 alarms in 1955, which burned over 10 acres of woodland and 20 acres of brush and grass.

Only one of these was a major fire; the others covered one acre or less.

Over 325 burning permits were given out and of this number only two went out of control.

May I express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the townspeople for their splendid cooperation during this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM F. IRONS

Fire Chief and Forest Warden

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY SURVEYOR

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I submit the following report of work done on the Town roads during 1955:

CHAPTER 81

There were 14,611 gallons of tar and asphalt applied to various roads under this Chapter. Shoulders were cut back on a number of roads. About one-half the distance of Quissett Road was hard topped. Inman Hill was widened for drainage purposes and snow removal. Brush was cut on all roads including Chapter 90.

CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

A total of 10,825 gallons of tar and asphalt were applied to various roads. Shoulders were cut back on Hartford Avenue East, and new drainage was installed.

CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION

Work was started on Providence Street but the flood interrupted. However some drainage was installed including 40 feet of 36 inch pipe near the water hole and ~~some~~ 15 inch pipe near the residence of Mr. Moses Gaskill. A new culvert was installed on Blackstone Street at Dam Swamp Brook. The balance of our account will be carried over and used in 1956.

SNOW REMOVAL

Thanks to the townspeople, we have the best setup for snow removal that the Town has ever had. With the two four-wheel drive trucks, the work can be done much easier and more efficiently. The front-end tractor is used for all loading of sand as well as for many other jobs. It is a big asset to the work of the Highway Department.

WASHINGTON STREET DRAINAGE

This road was widened to twenty feet for a distance of 1300 feet; and it was raised approximately two feet. New pipe was installed across the road as well as new side drainage. This makes it much easier to plow snow on this street.

FLOOD DAMAGE

The Highway Department made all necessary repairs resulting from the August floods. This included the bridge work on Hartford Avenue East, near the property of Mr. Henry Clough.

The State Department of Public Works has let a contract to Leone Construction Company of Worcester to rebuild the bridge on Cemetery Street at a cost of nearly \$21,000.

I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, the townspeople and State and County Engineers for their cooperation and assistance during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM R. BOWEN

Highway Surveyor

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Following is a financial recapitulation of the East Mendon Water System for the year 1955:

Received from sale of water	\$1,505.59	
For Taxes above normal valuation	869.86	
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Total Income		\$2,375.45
Expended for maintenance and new services	\$863.71	
Payment on Water Loan	1,000.00	
Interest on Loan	326.25	
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Total expenditures		2,189.96
Net gain for 1955		\$185.49

A gain is shown because of the fact that we have not been billed by the Town of Bellingham for the water used during the last three months of the year.

During 1955 the Water Commissioners added three more services to the system, making a total of 54. We are requesting appropriations at the 1956 annual town meeting for the purpose of making extensions on Cape Road where there are two proposed takers and on Bates Street where seven takers desire services at the present time. It is also planned to install an additional hydrant.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE E. VARNEY, Chairman
DONATO F. LEONE
M. MORTON GOODNOW

Water Commissioners

REPORT OF WIRING INSPECTOR

Gentlemen :

The following is a report from the Wiring Inspector for the period Jan. 1st, 1955 to Dec. 31st, 1955 inclusive.

Total inspections for 1955 including transfers	
from 1954 account	48
Cash value	\$125.00
Received to Dec. 31st	\$94.00
Outstanding (Transferred to 1956 account)	\$31.00
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Total	\$125.00

Yours sincerely,

WALTER H. CHANNING
Wire Inspector

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

To the Board of Health :

Gentlemen :

I wish to report that there have been no inspections made during 1955.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLARD N. SEIBERT,
Inspector of Slaughtering

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

1955

DOGS LICENSED IN 1955

172 Males at \$2.00 each	\$344.00	
29 Females at \$5.00 each	145.00	
76 Spayed Females at \$2.00 each	152.00	
2 \$25.00 Kennel Licenses	50.00	
		\$691.00
Less Clerk's Fees: 279 licenses at 20¢		55.80
Cash paid Town Treasurer as per monthly statements		\$635.20
I Male license from 1954 \$2.00 minus fee of 20¢		1.80
Total amount paid to Treasurer in 1955		\$637.00

All dogs three months old or more must be licensed at the Town Clerk's office on or before April 1, 1956. The Dog License Refund is added to the General School Fund of our Town.

SPORTING LICENSES ISSUED FROM JANUARY 1, 1955 TO DECEMBER 31, 1955

119 Resident Fishing
86 Resident Hunting
78 Resident Sporting
19 Resident Minor Fishing
35 Resident Female Fishing
1 Resident Minor Trapping

- 2 Resident Trapping
- 1 Non-resident Minor Fishing
- 1 Non-resident Fishing
- 2 Non-resident Sporting
- 3 Duplicate Licenses
- 14 Resident Sporting (Free)
- 5 Resident Military (Free)

Total amount received for licenses \$1,248.00

Less amount retained for fees—344 at 25¢ 86.00

Amount sent to the Department of

Natural Resources \$1,162.00

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1955

Date of Birth 1955		Name of Child	Name of Parents with Maiden name of Mother
Jan.	8	Peggy Ann Brownly	Robert A. and Ruth E. Gillespie
	14	Steven Allan Grant	Frederick J. and Barbara A. Tadakowsky
	15	Bruce Irving Paddock	Arthur F. and Laurita A. Phipps
	22	Linda Marie Nolet	Henry N. and Louise Y. Tetreault
	25	Kathleen Elizabeth Dudley	Raymond C. and Martha Thompson
Feb.	5	Marjorie Hazel Barrows	Harold C. Jr. and Avis McKinley
Apr.	1	Anna Maria Bison	Ferdinand and Miriam Thomas
	2	Michael Jackson	Robert C. and Lucinda Drecki
	8	John Francis Gaskill	John F. and Dorothy Murray
	24	Patricia Hazard	Lyman E. and Jennie Volpe
	24	Heather Craddock	Hugh and Dorothy Chapin
May	3	Anne Louise Carrabba	John G. and Helen Quirk
	9	Roy Earl Zimmerman	Roy E. and Philomena Turillo
	10	Michele Marie Monti	Joseph R. and Mary Casali
	27	Debra Theresa Whalen	William J. and Dorothy June
	28	Michael James Daige	George A. and Gladys Care
June	21	Julie Evelyn Roy	Arthur and Virginia Longton
July	2	Kenneth Earl Mathewson	Linwood E. and Mary J. Colby
	18	Cheryl Ann Kempton	Donald A. and Shirley Wright
	22	Thomas Todd FitzGerald	Chester F. and Hazel Nelson
Aug.	7	Brian Robert Messier	Elie and Maureen Clain
	8	Scott William McTurk	Robert and Nancy Nash
	9	Deborah Jane Rondeau	Edward J. and Jane A. Hetherington
	14	John Sidney Youngsma	Peter A. and Gladys VanderSluis
	20	John Christopher George	George C. and Lillian Zicko
Sept.	7	Karen Gail Tycks	Thomas P. and Teresa Tetreault
	25	Linda May Johnson	Roy and Pauline Nason
Oct.	2	David John Moriarty	John and Jeannette Belliveau
	7	Lawrence Mark LeBlanc	Norman J. and Olivia Modrid
Nov.	1	David Ernest Haynes	Richard R. and Margaret A. Hicks
	6	Sarah Amanda Winn	William L. and Barbara A. Closson
	7	Gary Robert Good	Gordon R. and Dorothy Goodnow
	7	Donna Lee Goodnow	Marcus M. and Myrtle R. Bosselman
	9	Stephen Paul Allen	Alden R. and Margaret G. Costello
	14	Renee Marie Roy	Rene and Theresa Bibeault
	14	Robert Paul Desmarais	Norman L. and Lorraine LeBlanc
	17	Debra Anne Grant	Paul and Maybelle Ross
	18	Janet Renee Hoberg	Richard P. and Joyce M. Thatcher
	29	Susan Charlotte Mattson	Richard M. and Vivian C. Peterson
Dec.	20	Christine Claire Lamothe	Francis J. and Edwina Tetreault
	25	Baby Girl Dunton	Francis A. and Claire M. Lamothe

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1955

Date of Marriage 1955	Names	Residence	By Whom and Where Married
Jan. 8	Otis R. Devoll, Jr. Wilhelmina M. Hensel	Mendon Mendon	Rev. James L. O'Dell Milford, Mass.
Mar. 26	Harold J. McEwen Barbara J. Dennett	Mendon Boston	Rev. Wm. R. Leslie Brookline, Mass.
Apr. 2	Nathan Andrew Walker Maude Ethel Wilbur	Somerville Mendon	Rev. H. A. Swetman Mendon, Mass.
	16 Robert Dexter Madeline Taxiera	Framingham Mendon	Rev. John J. Foley Mendon, Mass.
June 4	Benigno P. Leone Mary M. Molloy	Mendon Mendon	Rev. John J. Foley Mendon, Mass.
	11 Lee Edward Eisenhart Joanne Goodnow	York, Pa. Mendon	Rev. Hvezdon Kafka Mendon, Mass.
	18 Carl Strom Joyce Pidgeon	Uxbridge Mendon	Rev. Dowie DeBoer Milford, Mass.
	25 Anthony A. Magliocca Josephine S. Pelleriti	Mendon Lawrence	Rev. Lorenzo Andolpi Lawrence, Mass.
July 17	Robert R. Rhodes Lorna Wagner	Mendon Mendon	Rev. H. Murray Elliott Mendon, Mass.
	17 George P. Thomas, Jr. Jane Elizabeth Bates	Mendon Sutton	Rev. Joseph Saidi Worcester, Mass.
Aug. 6	William S. Townsend, Jr. Hilda F. Townsend	Pepperell Mendon	Rev. Wm. C. Nelson Milford, Mass.
	7 Ellis Lincoln Cook Leah (Bradbury) Craddock	Mendon Mendon	Rev. K. C. McArthur Sterling, Mass.
Sept. 10	David A. Gaskell Evelyn Aldrich	Mendon Uxbridge	Rev. Jos. P. Tamraz Uxbridge, Mass.
	10 Richard E. Harris Eleanor J. White	Milford Mendon	Rev. Lloyd A. Duren Milford, Mass.
	17 Joseph Alexander Yore Cora-Ann Gomez	Vineland, N. J. Mendon	Rev. Wm. M. Slavin Mendon, Mass.
	24 John H. Atkinson Jewell A. Murch	Mendon Mendon	Rev. Wm. C. Nelson Mendon, Mass.
Oct. 15	Donald Lee Mitchell Lois Bertha Rocks	Jericho, Vt. Mendon	Rev. Everet M. Olson Millville, Mass.
Nov. 20	Norman N. Cohen Lillian R. Smith	Haverhill Mendon	Rabbi A. I. Jacobson Mendon, Mass.
	26 Richard G. Morton Arlene Giacomelli	Mendon Milford	Rev. Louis Fontana Milford, Mass.
	26 Francis A. Dunton, Jr. Claire M. Lamothe	Millville Mendon	Rev. John J. Foley Mendon, Mass.
Dec. 17	George W. Phipps Shirley Eva Woodman	Mendon Bellingham	Rev. M. B. Palmer Bellingham, Mass.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1955

Date of Death 1955	Name	Age		Cause of Death
		Y	M	
Jan. 15	Francis D. Sweeney	44	3	Melanoma of left adrenal
15	Annie Frances (Hennessey) Clapp	65	5	Coronary occlusion
Apr. 3	Desire Roy	90	6	Arteriosclerosis
9	Lillian Frances (Hathaway) Seibert	82	4	Chronic Myocarditis
8	Henry Adams Daniels	84	5	Cerebral Hemorrhage
21	Bertha (Gaskill) Coleman Wilson	89	—	Arteriosclerosis
21	Mary (Williams) Blaisdell	71	3	Papillary adeno-carcinoma
27	Stella Beatrice Gaskill	61	4	Pneumonia
May 30	Carl O. Lonnman	67	2	Dissecting aortic aneurysm
June 10	Irene B. (Stone) Boss	64	3	Pneumonia
11	Franklin Eager Goodnow	76	4	Coronary Thrombosis
15	Dennis P. Rainville	65	7	Carcinoma of Prostate
July 7	Lillian Frances (Kent) Martin	94	6	Cerebral hemorrhage
11	Joseph F. Hern	36	1	Acute hemorrhagic Pancreatitis
15	Paul B. Bissonnette	—	6	Presumably asphyxia
21	Lawrence Robinson Blair	78	11	Arteriosclerosis
Nov. 26	Susan Iza (Seagrave) Shaw	83	3	Arteriosclerosis
30	Glennville C. Coffin	78	11	Chronic Pyelonephritis
Dec. 6	Abigail (Taft) Steere	80	9	Cerebral Thrombosis
23	Beulah Frances (Wright) Eaton	41	—	Primary bronchopneumonia
27	Baby girl Duntou	—	—	Prematurity
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Parents and others are requested to carefully examine the above lists and if any errors or omissions are discovered report them at once to the town clerk, that the record may be corrected, as it is of importance that the records of Vital Statistics should be complete.

General Laws, Chapter 46, Section 6.

Parents, within forty days after the birth of a child, and every householder, within forty days after a birth in his house, shall cause notice thereof to be given to the clerk of the town where such child is born***

NOTICE

SOME OF THE MANY

Reasons Why Births Should Be Recorded

To establish identity.

To prove nationality.

To prove legitimacy.

To show when the child has the right to enter school.

To show when the child has the right to seek employment under the child labor law.

To establish the right of inheritance to property.

To establish liability to military duty, as well as exemption therefrom.

To establish age and citizenship in order to vote.

To qualify to hold title to, and to buy or sell real estate.

To establish the right to hold public office.

To prove the age at which the marriage contract may be entered into.

To prove age to determine validity of a contract entered into by an alleged minor.

To prove age for Old Age Assistance

To prove age so as to have the right to take Civil Service Examinations.

Parents be sure to record the birth of your child with given name in full.

Your co-operation to the end that all births may be properly recorded will be greatly appreciated.

Parents will please return the supplemental birth report sent them by the Clerk, even though they have received one from the Clerk of the town in which the child was born. The corrections are not forwarded to the Mendon Town Clerk.

Blanks for the return of all Vital records can be obtained from the Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT S. COLEMAN,

Town Clerk.

FLOOD DAMAGE—AUGUST 1955

Expenditures:

Labor	\$3,631.96	
Hired equipment	722.00	
C. L. Goss	31.00	
Norman Rogers	1,934.50	
Rosenfeld Sand & Stone Co.	1,530.80	
Upton Fuel & Const. Co.	760.70	
Clark-Shaughnessy Inc.	15.52	
Varney Bros. Sand & Gravel	29.68	
Consigli Const. Co.	310.00	
Edward Powers	122.40	
Curtiss Coal Co.	59.68	
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Total expended	\$9,148.24	
Received from Corps of Engineers U. S. Army	2,634.40	
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Balance December 31, 1955	\$6,513.84	

SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Trustees of the Taft Public Library submit the Report of the Librarian, the Financial Report, and Trustees' Report for the year ending December 31, 1955.

The Trustees are recommending an additional appropriation for the year of 1956 for the purpose of redecorating the interior of the Library. It is fifteen years since any considerable refinishing has been done to the walls, ceiling, floor, and woodwork. The shadows of time and the wear of use are becoming increasingly noticeable.

Throughout the past year a high order of excellence of service to the community has been maintained by the Library through the efficient and earnest efforts of Mrs. Daniels and her assistants. The Trustees believe that the potentialities of the Library for benefit to the town are much greater than the actual use made of them indicates. Many in the community are unaware of its excellence. The townspeople are invited to make full use of the Library and its books in accordance with the regulations which govern them.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. LUNDVALL

GORDON R. GOOD

PERCY L. ROWE

VESTELLA M. DANIELS

HENRY P. CLOUGH

1955 LIBRARY REPORT

To the Trustees of the Taft Public Library :

The circulation for the year (99 days) was 4623. The largest number given out in one day was 159, the smallest, 15; and the average 47. Circulation by classes was as follows: Fiction, 1877; juvenile, 1501; magazines, 623; biography, 162; travel, 23; history, 148; literature and fine arts, 97; science and useful arts, 99; all others, 82.

New books added to the Library by the Town, 60; by Fletcher Fund, 49; by Anna Ellis Fund, 1; and by gift, 15; making a total of 125. Gifts of books were received from Mrs. Gertrude Lewis, Mrs. Mabel Griffin, Miss Marjorie Congdon and Mr. Wendell Williams. We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to Mr. Leonard G. Burr for the gift of a book-case and oak stand which were much needed.

Magazines available to readers are American, American Home, Atlantic Monthly, Better Homes and Gardens, Boys' Life, Colliers', Good Housekeeping, Ladies' Home Journal, McCalls', National Geographic, Popular Mechanics, Readers' Digest, Red Book, Saturday Evening Post, Time and Woman's Home Companion.

Fines collected and turned over to the town treasurer, \$19.24.

The outside appearance of the Library has been improved by clipping the shrubbery and eradicating the poison ivy from the front lawn and from the big tree bordering the lawn.

Miss Shirley Smith has given fine service as high school assistant; and Miss Gail Dudley, as substitute during the summer months. Mrs. Maude Clough kindly substituted three weeks in the fall for the librarian, during her illness. In July and August the librarian conducted a Story Hour for the younger children and a Round the World Reading Club for the older boys and girls.

Many inquiries for genealogical data have been received and answered by the librarian. Several out-of-state visitors have come to the Library looking for information on their ancestors, who were early settlers in this old town.

Enjoyable as well as educational were two area meetings of librarians from surrounding towns. One on May 6th was held in the Uxbridge Library, and one on Sept. 23rd met at Bancroft Memorial Library in Hopedale. Miss Alice Cahill, field representative from the Massachusetts Division of Library Extension was the leader and guide at these meetings. Informal discussion of common problems gave us many new ideas and much help. More such sessions are planned for the future.

May we thank the trustees and town officials for their cooperation and support, and the loyal townspeople who patronize their Library.

VESTELLA M. DANIELS

Librarian

ANNUAL REPORTS

of the

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

and

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

of the

TOWN OF MENDON

MASSACHUSETTS

for the

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1955

SCHOOL DIRECTORY 1954-1955

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Gordon R. Good, Chairman	Term Expires 1957
Chester F. Fitzgerald	Term Expires 1958
Harry C. York, Secretary	Term Expires 1956
Regular meetings are held at the High School building on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30 P.M.	

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS—PERCY L. ROWE, Boston University, B. S. E., Ed. M.

The Superintendent may be met every Tuesday and Wednesday at the Mendon High School or by appointment.

Office—Center School, Bellingham Center

Office Hours—4:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. on School days.

Telephone, Milford 3725

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Ronald Lukert, M.D. Telephone, Milford 3045-W

SCHOOL NURSE

Grace Moran, R.N. Milford District Nursing Association

SCHOOL CUSTODIAN

William Hazard Mendon, Mass.

TRANSPORTATION AGENTS

Harold C. Barrows	Mendon, Mass.
Harold Barrows, Jr.	Mendon, Mass.
ATTENDANCE OFFICER	
William D. Rondeau	Mendon, Mass.

TEACHERS

Name	Subject or Grade	Preparation	Degree or Years Town	Years in Town
Henry P. Clough, Principal	Algebra, French Geometry	Dartmouth College and New Hampshire University	B.S. Ed.M.	Twenty-eighth
Raymond F. Biedrzycki	Social Science Mathematics, Science	Rhode Island State	B.S.	Tenth
Howard C. Llewellyn	Commercial Ed.	Salem State Teachers College	B.S.E.	First
Mildred White	Home Economics Social Science	Framingham State Teachers College	B.S.E.	Fourth
Doris O'Neill	English, Latin	Worcester State Teachers College	B.S.E.	Eighth

Catherine Whelen	Grade 6	Boston University	A.B.	Second
Margaret Hubert	Grade 5	Framingham State Teachers College	Two	Third
E. Jane Coleman	Grade 4	Mass. School of Art	B.S.E.	Fourth
Margaret C. Duren	Grade 3	Syracuse University	A.B.	Second
Grace Hutchinson	Grade 2	Framingham State Teachers College	Two	Seventeenth
Lillian A. Pennington	Grade 1	Rhode Island College of Education	B.E.	Second
Mary C. Armour (Resigned)	Commercial Ed.	Regis College	B.S.	Tenth
Dorothy Stanas (Resigned)	Grade 4	Worcester State Teachers College	B.S.E.	Fifth

SUPERVISORS

Christine Wilson	Music	N. E. Conservatory of Music	Three	Eighth
William L. Rinehart	Handwriting	University of Pittsburgh	A.M.	Eighth

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR PERIOD

JANUARY, 1956 to JUNE, 1957

OPEN

CLOSE

HIGH SCHOOL

January 3, 1956

February 17, 1956

February 27, 1956

April 13, 1956

April 23, 1956

June 22, 1956

SUMMER VACATION

September 5, 1956

December 21, 1956

January 2, 1957

February 15, 1957

February 25, 1957

April 12, 1957

April 22, 1957

June 21, 1957

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Same as High School except:

Close June 15, 1956

Close June 14, 1957

SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION

Good Friday Observance, March 30, 1956

Memorial Day Observance, May 30, 1956

Columbus Day Observance, October 12, 1956

Teachers' Convention Day, November 2, 1956

Veterans' Day Observance, November 12, 1956

Thanksgiving Recess, November 22-23, 1956

AGE OF ADMISSION TO SCHOOL

Any child who becomes six years of age on or before January first of the year following the term when he wishes to enter school may be admitted into the first grade, but in every case the admission of a child under six shall be dependent upon the fitness of the child to profit by the work of the school, such fitness to be determined by the superintendent. Pupils under seven years of age who have not previously attended school shall not be permitted to enter later than thirty days after the opening of school in September of any school year.

SCHOOL REGULATIONS

Any complaint or representation which any person desires to make shall be presented or referred in writing to the superintendent of schools, who, in his discretion may bring it before the school committee. In cases of discipline or other school matters relating to their children, parents shall first discuss the matter with the teacher concerned. If for some reason they are not satisfied they will further discuss the matter with the following persons, if necessary, and in the following order: first, the principal of the building and then the superintendent of schools. If, finally, the superintendent has been unable to satisfy the parents, he shall report the case to the school committee for consideration and action.

THE NO SCHOOL SIGNAL

It is the policy of the school officials to practically abandon the use of the "no school" signal on account of weather conditions. This is in line with what many other cities and towns are doing. The reason for so doing is that much confusion has resulted from the use of the "no school" signal, and the realization that the loss of even one school day is a very serious one.

However, there may be days when it is advisable to close schools on account of severe weather conditions or any other emergency.

Arrangements have been made with Radio Stations WNAC, WBZ, WWON, and WNRI to broadcast the fact whenever it is necessary to close the schools. The "no school" signals are usually given before, during, or immediately after the news program. The siren will also blow three blasts twice at 7:30 A.M.

If schools do not close on any particularly bad day (rain, snow, or cold) parents are requested, and urged, to use their own judgment in sending their children to school.

SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT

RECEIPTS

General Appropriation	\$68,239.38	
Dog Tax, 1955	536.62	
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Total Receipts		\$68,776.00
Total Expenditures	\$68,032.26	
Unexpended Balance		743.74

REIMBURSEMENTS

State Aid	14,343.46	
All School Transportation	9,388.70	
Superintendent: Salary-		
Transportation	1,493.33	
State Wards: Tuition,		
Transportation	1,440.84	
Vocational Education	631.90	
Tuition	255.84	
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Total Reimbursements		\$27,554.07

TAXATION COST OF SCHOOLS

Total Expenditures	\$68,032.26	
Reimbursements	27,554.07	
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Net Cost by Taxation		\$40,478.19

EXPENDITURES

School Committee Expense	\$74.54
Superintendent's Salary	2,719.94

Superintendent's Secretary		
Salary	538.50	
Superintendent's Expense	316.35	
Supervisors' Salaries	1,656.56	
Teachers' Salaries	35,128.44	
Textbooks	1,506.98	
School Supplies	1,543.57	
Wages of Janitor	3,068.99	
Fuel	1,767.09	
Janitor's Supplies	715.34	
Telephones	178.18	
Electricity	546.56	
Labor	52.00	
Advertising	83.25	
Police Protection	27.50	
Commissioner of Public Safety	10.00	
Replacements	252.00	
Trash Removal	22.10	
Repairs	3,866.59	
Library	142.05	
Health	704.05	
Transportation	11,720.30	
New Equipment	1,240.19	
School Lunch Program	151.19	
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Total Expenditures		\$68,032.26

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the citizens of Mendon the School Committee submits its annual report.

Resignations were accepted this past year from Mrs. Mary Armour, teacher of commercial education; Mrs. Dorothy Stanas, fourth grade teacher; and Miss Jane Coleman, Art supervisor.

Mr. Howard Llewellyn was engaged at the beginning of the fall term to teach commercial education, and Miss Jane Coleman was engaged to teach the fourth grade. The position of art supervisor is as yet unfilled.

The fence on the west side of the school property was replaced. Trees and brush were cut on the newly acquired property south of the school building. Two classrooms and one lavatory were repainted. The old finish was removed from two other classrooms and replaced with clear varnish. Windows were caulked and tightened and the exterior wood portion of the building was repainted.

An excellent report was presented to the Town by the Regional School Planning Committee. The acceptance of this report by the Townspeople with a vote of five to one in favor of a regional school we believe signifies an awareness of our present crowded classroom conditions and our need of a more comprehensive program of education.

We wish to thank Mr. Rowe, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Clough, principal, and the teaching staff for their cooperation in maintaining a high standard of instruction.

We believe much credit is due to Dr. Lukert and the school nurse in the fight against polio which this year added to their duties.

We wish also to thank the P.T.A., the cafeteria workers, school custodian, and transportation agents, for their aid in providing services necessary for an efficient school program.

Respectfully submitted,

GORDON R. GOOD, Chairman

CHESTER F. FITZGERALD

HARRY C. YORK, Secretary

Mendon School Committee.

October 1, 1955

GRADE-AGE DISTRIBUTION

GRADE	AGE																		Total	
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Boys		Girls		Total	Total
I	B	4	18												22		10		32	
	G	2	8																	
II	B		17	2											19		21		40	
	G	6	15																	
III	B			3	15	1	1								20		15		35	
	G		4	10	1															
IV	B			5	11	2									18		18		36	
	G			2	16															
V	B					11	5	2							18		19		37	
	G				1	16	2													
VI	B					2	12	1							15		12		27	
	G					1	10	1												

VII	B	3	13	5						21			
	G	7	14	2							23	44	
VIII	B		4	15	2					21			
	G		3	13	2						18	39	
IX	B			2	8		3	1		14			
	G			6	11						17	31	
X	B				2		5	2	2	11			
	G						5	2			7	18	
XI	B						1	4		1	6		
	G						3	5				8	14
XII	B							1	3	2	6		
	G							2	9	1		12	18

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Boys	4	18	17	10	26	16	21	20	22	12	9	8	5	3	191
Girls	2	14	19	12	18	17	19	18	21	13	8	9	9	1	180
Total	.....	6	32	36	22	44	33	40	38	43	25	17	17	14	4	371

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee of Mendon :

Gentlemen :

It is with pleasure that I submit for your consideration my annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

There were two changes in our school faculty during the year. Mrs. Mary Armour and Mrs. Dorothy Stanas resigned at the close of school in June. Mr. Howard Llewellyn, of Lynn, was engaged to replace Mrs. Armour in the High School Commercial Department. Miss E. Jane Coleman resigned as Art Supervisor and was appointed to replace Mrs. Stanas in grade four. This left a vacancy in the art department and up to this time we have been unable to find a suitable candidate for this position. Mr. Walter Wright, school custodian, resigned early in the year and Mr. William Hazard was appointed to replace him.

The classroom instruction has continued on a high level. Many new textbooks have been purchased not only for replacements but for the increased number of pupils. Ample supplies of all the necessary materials of instruction have been in use. A new set of reference books was obtained. A new seascope was purchased for use in the High School science department, also a new opaque projector which can be used in all grades. A new liquid duplicator, which quickly and easily runs off enough material for an entire class, has been added to our school

equipment. Blackout shades were installed in the science room in order that clearer pictures could be shown when using visual education apparatus.

The most important problem facing the School department at the present time is that of steadily increasing enrollment. At the present time the school building is not only filled to capacity, it is over-crowded. The enrollment as of October 1, 1955 was 370 and there are only eleven classrooms available including specialized rooms, such as commercial, science, and home-making. At the High School level classes vary greatly in size. Rooms are just as necessary for smaller classes, such as French, Latin, or Science, as for larger classes such as English or History. It is very difficult to plan a satisfactory program of studies for the secondary school. Several classes a week have to be scheduled to meet in the cafeteria. Six of the eleven rooms must be used for pupils in the elementary grades. This only leaves five rooms available for all the pupils in grades seven through twelve. Grades seven and eight, among the largest classes we have, are departmentalized and are on the same time schedule as high school students. A year ago we expected that there would be two first grades in September, 1956. However, after the October 1, 1955 census was taken, it seemed evident that there would be about 38 first graders next September. Beginning in 1957 and each year thereafter, it would be safe to assume that there would be two first grade entering classes each year. Birth rates are increasing each year. The following table shows actual enrollment figures from 1946 through 1955. Figures from 1956-1965 inclusive, are predicted, and are all as of October first, each year.

MENDON SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
ACTUAL & PREDICTED ENROLLMENT 1946-1965

Grades

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
1946	19	21	25	18	29	20	41	16	21	15	11	11	247
1947	25	20	24	25	20	28	28	28	16	16	12	7	249 + 2
1948	32	21	18	22	22	20	27	27	23	12	13	12	249 same
1949	32	36	24	21	27	27	23	23	24	18	12	12	279 +30
1950	28	38	36	27	24	24	33	19	19	22	16	11	297 +18
1951	27	31	43	45	29	24	27	32	17	23	16	13	327 +30
1952	39	35	28	42	39	30	21	22	28	14	19	17	334 + 7
1953	35	38	35	26	44	39	33	21	21	23	12	18	345 +11
1954	39	38	37	36	25	43	37	29	19	16	20	11	350 + 5
1955	32	40	35	37	37	27	44	39	31	18	14	18	370 +20
1956	38	32	40	35	35	37	27	44	37	28	15	13	381
1957	47	38	32	40	35	35	37	27	42	34	23	14	404
1958	54	47	38	32	40	35	35	37	26	38	28	21	431
1959	48	54	47	38	32	40	35	35	35	24	32	26	446
1960	55	48	54	47	38	32	40	35	33	32	20	30	464
1961	51	55	48	54	47	38	32	40	33	30	27	19	474
1962	54	51	55	48	54	47	38	32	38	30	25	25	497
1963	55	54	51	55	48	54	47	38	30	35	25	23	515
1964	58	55	54	51	55	48	54	47	36	27	29	23	537
1965	60	58	55	54	51	55	48	54	45	33	22	27	562

Since 1948 the enrollment has jumped from 249 to 370, an increase of 121 pupils. By 1960 there will be nearly 100 more, and by 1965 nearly 200 more. It is clearly evident that the Town must take immediate action to provide for additional classroom space and to give the pupils of the Town the best education that we possibly can. It still must be kept in mind that the school building is seriously over-crowded now.

American Education Week was observed by all classes in November. An "open house" night was held one evening during the week. All school personnel were present and in their classrooms. There was an exhibition of the actual classroom work of all pupils. Many parents were present and had an opportunity to inspect work of all pupils and to talk with teachers about the instruction of their children.

All of our elementary teachers attended a one-day workshop conference at the elementary school in Hopedale. Teachers in the following towns attended and took part in the program: Bellingham, Mendon, Hopedale, Upton, Uxbridge, and Whitinsville. The main subject discussed was "Meeting the Needs of Today's Children." Both general and small group meetings were held. Such conferences are very beneficial to our teachers. The workshop was conducted under the direction of the Worcester State Teachers' College and the Superintendents of Schools in the participating towns. All school personnel also attended the annual meeting of the Worcester County Teachers' Association the first Friday in November in Worcester.

A registration day was held in May for all first grade children who were to enter school in September. The children and their parents also, had an opportunity to visit the first grade classroom. Another such registration day will be held next May. It is very important that all children who are to enter grade one in September 1956 be registered at that time. Much better planning can be done if the approximate number of first grade children is known well in advance of the opening of school.

The annual census and distribution of all minors in town between the ages of 5 and 16 was taken in October,

1955. All figures are as of October 1, 1955. Figures shown in this table will not necessarily agree with the figures in the Age-Grade Enrollment Chart. The results of the October 1, 1955 registration is as follows:

	5 years or over and under 7	7 years or over and under 16
Boys	40	162
Girls	32	155
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Totals	72	317
Distribution of minors		
In public school		
membership	39	299
In private school		
membership	2	17
Not enrolled in any		
school	31	1
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Totals	72	317

In addition to regular routine repairs such as electrical, plumbing, and heating, the following improvements have been made: Interior painting and refinishing, exterior painting of all outside woodwork and walls, new closet, repairs to tennis court, including two new basketball posts and backboards, a new fence, sanding and refinishing desks, and repairs to grounds.

The following should be included among improvements to be made next year: more interior painting, lighting improvements, further improvements to grounds—cold patch, fence for tennis court, further fence repairs north of school grounds, and repairs to steam radiators.

In conclusion, I wish to express to you my sincere thanks for your efforts in making the school year a very successful one. The assistance of Principal Clough, teachers, supervisors, school physician, school nurse, townspeople, parents, and pupils is also deeply appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

PERCY L. ROWE

Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

To Mr. Percy L. Rowe,
Superintendent of Schools:

I herewith submit the annual report of Mendon High and Center School for the year ending December 31, 1955. The graduation exercises of the Class of 1955 were

held on the evening of Wednesday, June 22, 1955. Members of the graduating class were Charles F. Avery, Muriel L. Brothers, Barbara A. Francey, Helen A. Hamilton, Gloria I. Lamothe, Freeman H. Lowell, Kelvin L. Parkinson, Frank L. Rogers, June R. Sutcliffe, Ruth A. Wiersma, George W. York, Jr. Seven members of the Class of 1955 are now enrolled in post-secondary schools and colleges.

June R. Sutcliffe attained first honors and Ruth A. Wiersma second honors in scholastic achievement for the four senior high school years. The Mendon High School Alumni Medal was awarded to June R. Sutcliffe. Kelvin L. Parkinson was the winner of the American Legion Medal, and June R. Sutcliffe was the winner of the Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate presented by the Daughters of the American Revolution. Gloria I. Lamothe was elected Student Representative by the High school body to represent Mendon High School on Student Government Day at the Massachusetts State House on March 11, 1955. Edward Barnes was chosen delegate to Boys' State and Dolores Channing the delegate to Girls' State.

These students, members of the Class of 1956, represented Mendon High School at the annual sessions conducted in June, 1955 by the American Legion and Legion Auxiliary.

Prize Speaking was held at the Mendon Town Hall Friday, April 29, 1955. Selections were presented by Edward D. Barnes, Henrietta M. Bison, Cornelius B. Bracco, Dolores Channing, Jacqueline R. Corr, Gail J. Dudley, Jacquelyn S. Hamilton, Gordon F. Harvey, Louise E. Lamothe, Joan E. Lundvall, Frances E. Scott, Shirley C. Smith. First Prize was awarded to Gordon F. Harvey, Second Prize to Henrietta M. Bison, and Third Prize to Cornelius B. Bracco.

The annual Senior Play was presented at the Mendon Town Hall on December 9, 1955. A comedy, entitled Desperate Ambrose, was very well presented by members of the cast under the direction of Mrs. Doris O'Neill. A very pleasing and successful musical entertainment was presented at the Town Hall on February 18, 1955 by a cast of high school students under the direction of Miss Christine Wilson, Supervisor of Music.

The annual school open house held as a part of the observance of American Education Week occurred on the evening of Tuesday, November 8, 1955. The registration of visitors at the open house showed an increase in attendance over last year. The interest of parents in this evening of inspection and conferences with teachers is especially gratifying and of great mutual benefit.

The school lunchroom is now in its ninth year of operation. It is meeting the needs of an increasingly large number of school pupils most efficiently and well. To relieve congestion and to improve service time, the elementary grades have been divided into two sections for the lunch period and noon recess.

Enrollment figures for the entire building show an increase of approximately twenty pupils over last year's record number. The elementary grade rooms continue to have a relatively even distribution of pupils. Grade Six is the one exception, having ten pupils less than the average of grades one to five. The junior-senior high school group is especially crowded. The admission of a larger-than-usual Grade Seven has resulted in an increase of thirty pupils in the junior-senior section as compared with the enrollment of last year. Home rooms are crowded. Fifty pupils are obliged to make use of arm-chairs as homeroom desks. The science laboratory serves as a homeroom for the high school and it is used continuously for class recitations. As the classes coming up through the grades contain more pupils, the crowded conditions in the high school become more and more unsatisfactory. The enrollment figures of the building as of December 22, 1955 are as follows: Grade I 33; Grade II 40; Grade III 33; Grade IV 35; Grade V 37; Grade VI 25; Grade VII 45; Grade VIII 39; Grade IX 32; Grade X 17; Grade XI 14; Grade XII 18.

Parents are urged to confer with the teachers and principal at any time when questions arise concerning school matters.

In conclusion, I wish to express sincere appreciation for the cooperation and assistance of Mr. Rowe, Superintendent of Schools, the School Committee, and Parent-Teacher Association, the volunteer lunch room workers, and the people of the community.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY P. CLOUGH,

Principal

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

December 10, 1955

Mendon School Department

Mendon,

Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The following is my report of Mendon School Work for 1955. Toxoid clinic opened March 29 and closed May 24.

74 children received Booster doses

11 children received the three protective doses

17 children were vaccinated May 31, 1955

48 children received the Salk polio vaccine

The annual physical examination of the school children done in the fall showed the following defects:

Referred for dental evaluations	55
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Heart Murmurs	2
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Wax in ears	6
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Athlete's foot	1
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Low arches	6
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Asthmatic wheezes	1
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Gynecomastia	1
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125 children were examined by me.

Respectfully submitted,

RONALD LUKERT, M.D.

MENDON SCHOOL NURSING REPORT

1955

Mr. Percy L. Rowe
Superintendent of Schools
Mendon, Mass.

May we submit to you the Annual School Nursing Report for the year ending December, 1955.

Mendon School was visited Tuesday of each week when school was in session. Registration was held at the school on May 20th.

Physical examination of pupils in Grades 1, 4, 7, and 10 was done by Dr. Ronald Lukert assisted by the nurse. Vision and hearing tests were completed on all grade pupils. Notices regarding defects were sent home to parents and guardians. Antigen clinics were held in Mendon School on March 29th, April 26th and May 31st.

We held our first Salk polio vaccine clinic on May 24th; and the second polio clinic on June 14th, for pupils who were absent or had colds. Forty-eight first and second grade pupils received the injections. Dr. Ronald Lukert, assisted by the district nurses and teachers, conducted the clinics.

Mendon had their first vaccination clinic on May 31st. Seventeen children were immunized at this time. This clinic also was conducted by Dr. Ronald Lukert, with the district nurses assisting.

In the early part of the year we had an epidemic of measles; and a few cases of chicken pox and whooping-cough, also three cases of scarlet fever. Colds and sore throats were prevalent at intervals. One school child had a mild case of poliomyelitis in the fall. All children were inspected, weighed and measured during the year.

The following defects were found amongst the children examined by Dr. Lukert:

Referred for dental evaluations	55
Heart murmurs	2
Wax in ears	6
Athlete's foot	1
Low arches	6
Asthmatic wheezes	1

The following is a summary of the work done by the nurse in her visits to the school:

1—Inspection of pupils	733
2—Pupils inspected for disease	106
3—Pupils recommended for exclusion	16
4—Pupil and nurse conferences	92
5—Pupils treated for minor injuries	66
6—Nurse and teacher conferences	184
7—Home visits	41

In closing may we express our thanks to Mr. Rowe, Mr. Clough, Dr. Lukert and the teachers for their courtesy and cooperation; to the school committee and town officials for their support, and to the parents who have made it a pleasure to work in Mendon School.

Respectfully submitted

GRACE MORAN, R.N.

School Nurse

REPORT OF MUSIC SUPERVISOR

To the Superintendent of Schools:

My dear Mr. Rowe:

Since this account will be published in the Annual Town Report, I am taking this opportunity, for the benefit of those interested in the School Music Program, to give a condensed outline of my work in the Mendon Schools.

First, may I say that in spite of the "title" Supervisor, I am actually a music *teacher*. I never go into a class room in which I do not teach the entire time of my visit. I have adopted this practice because, as you know, all grade teachers are not good music teachers, and in some instances a class gets a music lesson only when I present it. I am very happy to say that this is not the case in Mendon. Here I am employed one day a week and I teach in two other towns in order to have a full week's salary. Each year I have directed and rehearsed the musical portions of the High School Musicales and Graduations. I carry out the same program in each of my three towns. As soon as one Musicale has been presented, I start rehearsals on a "show" in town number two. By the time the third Musicale has been offered, rehearsal time for Graduations has come. Therefore, I prepare six performances a year, not counting incidental programs, besides teaching every day.

Now for a brief outline of the music which I teach in the Mendon Schools: In Grade One, all songs are taught by rote. The important work in this grade is get-

ting the child's voice to be buoyant. After a repertory of rote songs has been learned, the child develops ability for phrase recognition and repetition. "So-fa" syllables of familiar songs are taught by rote. The child experiences different rhythmic movements such as: walking, running, skipping, hopping, swinging, swaying and sliding. He learns to clap basic rhythms, and to dramatize song stories, showing originality in self-expression.

The Second Grade music continues with rote-song experiences. The children now have books. The key chord and tonal patterns are introduced, and the children hear, sing and build tonal patterns in several keys. They develop a feeling for mood and the correct use of the singing voice. They learn to chant with a rhythmic understanding, the quarter, half, dotted-half and whole notes. They too, have singing games and action songs.

The youngsters in the Third Grade receive knowledge of the staff, the key signature, the rhythm signature and the feeling for the "beat." In this grade they learn how to find the key note, whereas in the Second Grade, they are told where "do" is. They sing intervals of thirds and other tonal exercises. They experiment with song making, which incidentally, continues through all the Grades. They are introduced to the orchestral instruments.

When the Fourth Grade is reached, the child learns to translate metrical values into mathematical concepts—a run note becomes an eighth note. He learns the name of rests and how to sing a dotted quarter note followed by an eighth note. He learns melodies starting on the first, second, third and fourth count of the measure. He sings interval skips of fourths, fifths, sixths and octaves. He learns sharp and flat chromatics, the work of the

natural, chord patterns, the names of orchestral instruments and the lives of some composers. He sings rounds, which are the foundation for part singing and he learns the Natural Minor tonality.

The Fifth Grade music begins with further extension of interval study. Two-part singing is stressed. Songs are learned in all major and minor keys. Fundamental rhythms are reviewed and the new compound rhythms are taught, the dotted quarter-note beat being stressed. The Harmonic Minor Scale is taught and the class learns songs in Harmonic Minor. They have many tonal drills including three tones ascending and descending chromatically.

In the Sixth Grade, the child has the full use of the Minor tonality—Natural, Harmonic and Melodic. He experiences three-part singing. He reviews all commonly used rhythm patterns and learns the rhythm of four equal tones to a beat and the meaning of syncopation. He sings triplets; does scale building with knowledge of the piano keyboard; and he delves a little into basic Harmony with choral work. The instruction that he receives in the class room should form a good musical background for instrumental study as well as vocal.

Because of the size of the Junior High classes, it was necessary to divide them into alternating groups, so I see each once every two weeks. These classes, of course, receive no music instruction in the interim between my visits. They learn complicated rhythms, the F clef, four tones ascending and descending chromatically, a review of Solfegio and intense staff study.

The High School music consists of the weekly choral class. This Group is limited to the students who can pass

the entrance voice test. We present choral numbers at the High School Musicales and at Graduations.

In closing, may I thank you, Mr. Rowe, the School Committee, the Grade teachers (of whom there are no finer), and especially Mr. Clough for your kindness and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

CHRISTINE M. WILSON,
Supervisor of Music Education

MENDON HIGH SCHOOL PRIZE SPEAKING CONTEST

FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 1955

- "Aunt Effie Goes Horseback Riding" McMahon
Louise E. Lamothe
- "Dotty Drives A Bargain" Dickerson
Henrietta M. Bison
- "At The Swimming Pool" Lewis
Gordon Harvey
- "The Fool Hath Said In His Heart" George
Joan E. Lundvall
- "At The Lace Counter" Stayton
Frances E. Scott
- "Three Mistakes And Death" Hutson
Cornelius B. Bracco
- "Carem Carmela" Mexican Folk Tune
Girls' Glee Club
- "Mary Stuart" Schiller
Dolores Channing
- "Beyond The Last Mile" Morris
Edward D. Barnes
- "When The Sun Rises" Allan
Jacquelyn S. Hamilton
- "Nothing To Destroy" Montgomery
Shirley C. Smith
- "The Bride And The Burglar" Neville
Gail J. Dudley
- "A Little Scrub" Donnell
Jacqueline R. Corr
- "Kentucky Babe" Geibel
Girls' Glee Club

Decision of Judges

GRADUATION EXERCISES MENDON HIGH SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 1955

Processional—Pomp and Circumstance Elgar
Mrs. Bertha B. Rogers

Invocation

Rev. Hvezdon Kafka

Salutatory—The Rockefeller Foundation
Ruth A. Wiersma

Essay—Victory Over Polio
Kelvin L. Parkinson

Song—Giannina Mia Friml
High School Chorus

Essay—The American Student
Helen Ann Hamilton

Essay—Albert Einstein
Charles F. Avery

Song—Battle Hymn of the Republic Steefe and Howe
High School Chorus (Fred Waring Arrangement)

Essay and Valedictory—Segregation and the Supreme
Court

June R. Sutcliffe

Presentation of Diplomas and Awards
Mr. Gordon R. Good, Chairman of School Committee

Presentation of American Legion Medal
Mr. James P. Flanagan

Commander Roger L. Wood Post, American Legion

Star Spangled Banner

Benediction

Rev. Hvezdon Kafka

Recessional—March Romaine Guonod

CLASS OF 1955

Charles Frederic Avery
Muriel Lillian Brothers
Barbara Ann Francey
Helen Ann Hamilton
Gloria Irene Lamothe
Freeman Harvey Lowell
Kelvin Lilley Parkinson
Frank Leonard Rogers
June Rose Sutcliffe
Ruth Ann Wiersma
George Wesley York, Jr.

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Worcester, ss.

*TO THE CONSTABLE of the TOWN of Mendon in the
COUNTY OF WORCESTER, Greeting:*

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Mendon qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the TOWN HALL in said Mendon on MONDAY the Fifth day of MARCH A.D. 1956 punctually at 9:00 o'clock A.M. to act on

Article 1.

Article 2. and all following Articles on this Warrant will be acted upon Friday the 9th day of March at 7:00 P.M.

Article 1. To bring in their ballots for the following Town Officers:

One Moderator for one year;

One Town Clerk for one year;

One Selectman for three years;

One Assessor for three years;

One Constable for one year;

One Tree Warden for one year;

One Trustee of the Taft Public Library
for two years;

One Member of the School Committee
for three years;

One Park Commissioner for three years;

One Highway Surveyor for one year;

One Water Commissioner for three years;

all on one ballot, designating the office intended for each person.

Article 2. To hear the reports of the several Town Officers and Committees and act thereon.

Article 3. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 4. To appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town expenses for the financial year beginning January 1, 1956.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow a sum of money not to exceed \$25,000 in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1956 and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year and to renew any note or notes as may be given for the period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 6. To see if the Town will appropriate any sum of money for the improvement and repairs of highways, to be expended under the direction of the Massachusetts Department of Public Works as provided under Chapter 81 of the General Laws as amended, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 7. To see if the Town will appropriate any sum of money for the operation and repairs of Town machinery, a part or whole to be taken from the Road Machinery Fund, or take any action in relation to the same.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate any sum of money for the maintenance of Chapter 90 Roads, said money to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State and County for this purpose, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate any sum of money for Chapter 90 New Construction provided the State and County will contribute for such work under the provisions of Chapter 90 of the General Laws.

Article 10. To see what action the Town will take regarding any legal proceedings that may be brought against or by the Town.

Article 11. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell any or all real estate owned by the Town by reason of the foreclosure of Tax Title thereon and to execute, acknowledge and deliver a proper deed or deeds therefor, authority therefor to terminate March 4, 1957 or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the dog license refund from the Worcester County in 1956 to be used for general school expenses in 1956, or to take any action in relation to the same.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$5,000 from available funds to a School Building Fund to be used for construction of a new School Building or addition to the present building, only; or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500. for fire hose, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for the improvement of Morey Street or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote passed under Article 18 of the warrant for the annual town meeting in 1955 whereby the sum of \$5,500. was appropriated for the purchase of a truck with a four-wheel drive, by reducing the total amount of the appropriation from \$5,500. to \$4,182. and to finance the entire cost by transfer from the Road Machinery Fund so that the amended vote will read as follows: That the sum of \$4,182. be appropriated for the purchase of a truck with four-wheel drive, with dump body and specified extras, and that to meet said appropriation the sum of \$4,182. be transferred from the Road Machinery Fund.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$4,946.25 from available funds for the extension of the East Mendon Water System on Bates Street, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$2,000. from available funds for the extension of the East Mendon Water System on Cape Road, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 670 of the Acts of 1955 which is an Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise the hourly rate of the Highway Surveyor from \$1.40 per hour to \$1.60 per hour or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Moderator to appoint a three member Regional School District Planning Committee consisting of at least one member of the School Committee to study the possibilities of a regional high school; said Committee to remain active until dismissed by a majority vote at a regular Town Meeting.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Moderator to appoint a six member School Planning Committee containing the three members of the School Committee to study the building needs and requirements of the Town of Mendon; said Committee to remain active until dismissed by a majority vote at a regular town meeting.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200. for Civilian Defense, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500 for installing drainage on North Avenue from a point near the property of Mrs. Julia Swan to where the old car track leaves the Town highway, or take any action in relation thereto.

POLLS WILL CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in said Mendon and causing a copy to be published once in the Milford Daily News, a newspaper published in Milford, Mass., both said posting and publication to be at least seven days before the time of the meeting hereby ordered to be held.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk of said town before the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Mendon, this 30th day of January A.D. 1956.

JOHN L. LUNDVALL

ERNEST P. WOOD

HAROLD METCALF

Selectmen of Mendon

A true copy, attest:

WILLIAM D. RONDEAU

Constable of Mendon

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Article 4.

	1955 Appropriation	1955 transfers	1955 Expenditures	1956 Recommendations
Moderator's Salary	\$ 25.00		\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Selectmen's Salaries	700.00		700.00	700.00
Selectmen's Expense	350.00		348.29	250.00
Treasurer's Salary	700.00		700.00	700.00
Treasurer's Expense	275.00		255.87	275.00
Tax Title Foreclosure	36.00			36.00
Town Accountant's Salary	400.00		400.00	500.00
Town Accountant's Expense	50.00	\$ 2.53	52.53	50.00
Town Clerk's Salary	250.00		250.00	250.00
Town Clerk's Expense	375.00		279.81	375.00
Tax Collector's Salary	925.00		925.00	925.00
Tax Collector's Expense	250.00		245.93	250.00
Assessors' Salaries	700.00		700.00	700.00
Assessors' Expense	300.00		195.50	300.00
Elections & Registrations	666.00		480.45	1,200.00
Town Counsel Salary	100.00		100.00	100.00
Town Counsel Expense	75.00		75.00	75.00

Clerical Hire—Town Officers	300.00	300.00	350.00
Town Hall Maintenance	1,475.00	1,238.79	900.00
Town Officers' Bonds	266.00	266.00	257.75
Record Room Maintenance	375.00	370.42	600.00
Heat & Lights—Town Bldg.	3,000.00	2,564.22	2,750.00
Constable's Salary	25.00	25.00	25.00
Police Department	3,000.00	2,990.15	3,912.00
Fire Department	2,070.00	2,052.46	2,070.00
Forest Fires	500.00	500.00	500.00
Dog Officer	125.00	66.50	125.00
Sealer of Weights & Measures	60.00	22.05	60.00
Wiring Inspector	80.00	80.00	80.00
Board of Health	1,500.00	57.83	2,250.00
Tree Warden	900.00	885.90	900.00
Insect Pest Control	653.00	647.20	652.00
Dutch Elm Disease Control	500.00	500.00	500.00
Inspector of Animals	150.00	150.00	150.00
Inspector of Slaughtering	25.00	25.00	25.00
General Repairs—Highways	3,000.00	2,974.91	2,200.00
Snow Removal	6,000.00	4,036.66	6,000.00
Street Lighting	819.00	756.00	756.00
Public Welfare—Salaries	45.00	45.00	45.00

Public Welfare—Temporary Aid	6,000.00	461.29	6,461.29	6,000.00
Administration O.A.A., D.A. & A.D.C.	1,025.00		1,025.00	1,200.00
Aid to Dependent Children	1,000.00	312.99	1,312.99	1,500.00
Old Age Assistance	16,000.00	6.22	16,006.22	16,000.00
Veterans' Benefits	3,500.00		2,067.05	3,500.00
Administration Veterans' Benefits	100.00		100.00	200.00
School Department	68,239.38	536.62	68,032.26	72,628.72
		(Dog tax)		
Vocational Education	2,700.00	1,971.40	1,971.40	2,700.00
Taft Public Library	950.00	947.02	947.02	1,650.00
Park Department	350.00	348.31	348.31	350.00
Soldiers' & Sailors' Graves	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00
Water Department Maintenance	925.00	863.71	863.71	1,200.00
Memorial Day Observance	225.00	3.35	228.35	225.00
Insurance on Town Buildings	1,600.00	99.49	1,699.49	2,393.05
Town Reports	748.60		748.60	
Reserve Fund	2,000.00		1,032.25	2,000.00
Maturing Debt	2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00
Interest on Maturing Debt	393.75		393.75	348.75
Interest on Temporary Loans	200.00			200.00
Worcester County Retirement Fund	1,136.96		1,136.96	1,226.18

1956 RECOMMENDATIONS

- Article 6. \$3,700.00 Chapter 81
- Article 7. \$2,500.00 Road Machinery Repairs
- Article 8. \$1,200.00 Chapter 90 Maintenance
- Article 9. \$3,000.00 Chapter 90 Construction
- Article 12. Approved
- Article 13. Approved
- Article 14. Approved
- Article 16. Approved
- Article 17. Approved
- Article 18. Approved
- Article 19. Approved
- Article 20. Approved
- Article 23. Approved
- Article 24. Not approved

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of the

TOWN OFFICERS

of the

TOWN OF MENDON

including the report of the

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

for the

MUNICIPAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1956

290th ANNUAL REPORT

ARROW PRINTING CO., INC.

Holliston, Mass.

TOWN OF MENDON

Town of Mendon Incorporated May 15, 1667

Population 1905, 1955 Census.

Registered Voters in 1956, 1,079

Annual Election: First Monday in March.

Annual Meeting:

First Friday Evening after the first Monday in March.

County Commissioners:

Francis E. Cassidy, Chairman	Webster
Edward P. Bird	Fitchburg
Joseph A. Aspero	Worcester

Fourteenth Congressional District:

Congressman, Joseph William Martin, Jr.

North Attleboro

Fourth Senatorial District:

Joseph E. Gibney	Webster
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Eighth Worcester Representative District:

Representatives General Court:

Charles Mullaly, Jr.	Millville
Charles E. Luke Driscoll	Northbridge

Sheriff for Worcester County:

William A. Bennett	Worcester
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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

Roy A. Barrows

Selectmen

Ernest P. Wood	Term expires 1957
Harold Metcalf	Term expires 1958
Robert P. Congdon	Term expires 1959

Board of Public Welfare

Board of Health and Fence Viewers

Harold Metcalf	Robert P. Congdon	Ernest P. Wood
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Town Clerk

Albert S. Coleman

Town Treasurer

Charles F. Leonard	Term expires 1958
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Tax Collector

Arthur P. Dalton	Term expires 1958
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Assessors

D. Kinsley Barnes	Term expires 1957
Donald B. Lowell	Term expires 1958
Carl M. Taft, Clerk	Term expires 1959

School Committee

Gordon R. Good	Term expires 1957
Chester F. FitzGerald	Term expires 1958
Harry C. York	Term expires 1959

Superintendent of Schools

Percy L. Rowe

Trustees of Taft Public Library

Henry P. Clough, Secretary	Term expires 1957	
Vestella M. Daniels	Term expires 1958	
Ernest P. Wood	Percy L. Rowe	Harry C. York

Water Commissioners

Clarence E. Varney	Term expires 1957
Donato F. Leone	Term expires 1958
M. Morton Goodnow	Term expires 1959

Park Commissioners

George E. Johnson	Term Expires 1957
William D. Rondeau	Term expires 1958
Fred R. Phipps	Term expires 1959

Tree Warden and Moth Superintendent

William E. Nuttall

Highway Surveyor

William R. Bowen

Constable

William D. Rondeau

Officers Appointed by the Selectmen

Chief of Police	William D. Rondeau
Town Counsel	Shelley D. Vincent
Dog Officer	William D. Rondeau
Wiring Inspector	Walter J. Channing
Sealer of Weights and Measures	William D. Rondeau
Fire Chief and Forest Warden	William F. Irons
Superintendent of Streets	William R. Bowen
Burial Agent	Norry J. Daige
Custodian of Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves	Richard F. Harding
Inspector of Slaughtering	Willard N. Seibert
Inspector of Animals	Roy A. Barrows
Town Accountant Helen F. Irons	Term expires 1959
Surveyor of Wood and Bark	Arthur V. Pond
Veterans' Agent	Philip W. Harding

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Joseph W. McEwen	Term expires 1957
Edward T. Powers	Term expires 1958
Asa B. Vear	Term expires 1959
Albert S. Coleman, Clerk	

Finance Committee

Lee P. McFarland	Term expires 1957
George C. Cadman	Term expires 1958
Roy A. Barrows	Term expires 1959

Forest Committee

Norry J. Daige	Term expires 1957
Charles F. Leonard	Term expires 1958
Harold F. Lowell	Term expires 1959

Field Drivers

Alex Woleck	W. Arthur Robinson
Edward Goss	

Caucus Committee

Henry B. Twitchell	Philip W. Harding
George P. Hutchinson	

FINANCIAL REPORTS

SELECTMEN—SALARIES

Appropriation		\$700.00
Expended:		
John L. Lundvall	\$50.00	
Ernest P. Wood	283.33	
Harold Metcalf	200.00	
Robert P. Congdon	166.67	
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Total expended:		\$700.00

SELECTMEN—EXPENSES

Appropriation		\$350.00
Expended:		
Postage	\$16.00	
Lock Box	4.40	
Cahill's News		
Agency	4.55	
Advertising	33.00	
State & County Dues	21.00	
Forbes Press	16.00	
Travelling Expenses	36.00	
Hobbs & Warren Inc.	16.00	
State Laws	5.00	
Ingham's Sign Shop	3.00	
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Total expended	\$154.95	
Unexpended	95.05	
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		\$350.00

TREASURER—EXPENSES

Appropriation		\$275.00
Expended:		
Stationery &		
postage	\$115.89	
Hobbs & Warren Inc.	6.31	
State Assn. dues	2.00	
Sears Roebuck Co.	31.75	
Forbes Press	21.25	
Schedule A.	15.00	
Cahill's News Agy.	6.06	
Certification of Note	2.00	
State Meeting		
Expense	10.00	
Use of Car	20.00	
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Total Expended:	\$230.26	
Unexpended	44.74	
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		\$275.00

TOWN ACCOUNTANT—EXPENSES

Appropriation	\$50.00	
Transferred From Reserve Fund	4.66	
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Total		\$54.66
Expended: Mass. Division of Accts.		\$54.66

TOWN CLERK—EXPENSES

Appropriation		\$375.00
Expended:		
Swearing in Town		
Officers	\$12.75	

Karl Bright Ins.	10.00
Printing & Postage	42.00
Recording fees	90.00
Advertising	4.80
State Meeting	
Expenses	49.00
Transportation	10.50
Hobbs & Warren Inc.	14.88
Miscellaneous supplies	33.15

Total expended:	\$267.08
Unexpended	107.92

\$375.00

TAX COLLECTOR—EXPENSES

Appropriation	\$250.00
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Expended:

Barre Gazette	\$63.03
Mass. Division	
of Accts.	9.80
Forbes Press	36.25
Hobbs & Warren Inc.	25.98
Henry Twitchell, Adv.	8.20
Use of car	17.50
Postage	77.00
Deputies' Bonds	10.00
State Dues	2.00

Total expended:	\$249.76
Unexpended	.24

\$250.00

ASSESSORS—SALARIES

Appropriation		\$700.00
Expended:		
Donald B. Lowell	\$200.00	
D. Kinsley Barnes	200.00	
Carl M. Taft, Clerk	300.00	
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Total expended:		\$700.00

ASSESSORS—EXPENSES

Appropriation		\$300.00
Expended:		
Forbes Press	\$9.00	
Postage	6.00	
Tax Tables	1.00	
Deed Abstracts	142.63	
Hobbs & Warren, Inc.	30.83	
State & County Dues	9.00	
Use of Cars	30.00	
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Total expended:	\$228.46	
Unexpended	71.54	
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		\$300.00

ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS

Appropriation	\$1,200.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund	207.53	
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Total		\$1,407.53
Expended:		
Election Payrolls	\$498.05	
Street listing	263.75	
Upton Mimeo. Service	45.00	

Henry Twitchell, Advt.	154.30
Registrars' Salaries	140.00
Lowell's Dairy	4.25
Clark Printing Co.	295.75
Miscellaneous	6.43

Total Expended	\$1,407.53
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CLERICAL HIRE FOR TOWN OFFICERS

Appropriation		\$350.00
Expended:		
Helen F. Irons	\$336.50	
Unexpended	13.50	
		\$350.00

TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		\$900.00
Expended:		
Worc. Co., Elec. Co.	\$46.00	
Otis L. Clark Co.	115.23	
Lester Hill	28.05	
E. T. Powers	3.50	
Corbett Concrete Pipe Co.	10.25	
C. C. Shattuck	16.21	
J. E. Haddad Co.	23.43	
L. N. Jacques & Sons	20.70	
C. B. Dolge Co.	46.90	
W. J. Butler, Jr.	47.00	
Sub. Propane Gas Co.	31.60	
Raymond Dudley, janitor	480.00	
Expended:	\$868.87	
Unexpended	31.13	
		\$900.00

RECORD ROOM MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		\$600.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund		32.48	
Total			\$632.48
Expended:			
Carrie Marlow	\$50.00		
Sub. Propane Gas Co.	191.79		
Worc. Co. Elec. Co.	14.10		
Toll Calls	16.10		
Royal Typewriter Co.	14.70		
Cahill's News Agy.	11.69		
Francis Irons	4.00		
L. N. Jacques & Sons	2.70		
C. L.. Goss, repairs	237.40		
Expended:		\$542.48	
Unexpended		90.00	
			\$632.48

HEAT AND LIGHTS—TOWN BUILDINGS

Appropriation		\$2,750.00	
Expended:			
E. T. Powers	\$9.00		
Worcester Co. Elec. Co.	168.92		
H. J. Shaughnessy	1,055.52		
Clark-Shaughnessy Inc.			
	1,180.95		
Boiler Inspection	10.00		
Total Expended:		\$2,424.39	
Unexpended		325.61	
			\$2,750.00

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		\$3,912.00
Expended:		
William D. Rondeau	\$619.67	
Harold Metcalf	496.88	
Philip W. Harding	399.52	
Harold Barrows, Jr.	286.54	
Norry J. Daige	199.76	
Raymond Rogers	130.50	
Paul Tyler	343.21	
Robert Bartlett	50.63	
Thomas Stevens	195.50	
William Hazard	30.00	
Mileage	839.80	
Deputy Sheriff	30.00	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	219.90	
Mendon Auto Salvage	17.75	
Forbes Press	15.00	
Postage and Supplies	7.25	
Railway Express Agcy.	1.93	
Ronald Lukert, M. D.	3.00	
Hopedale Coal & Ice. Co.	12.76	
Files Equip. Co.	9.96	
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Total Expended	\$3,909.56	
Unexpended	2.44	
		\$3,912.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		\$2,070.00
Expended:		
Chief's Salary	\$100.00	
Payrolls	494.00	
W. H. Gibbons, Ins.	178.50	
L. R. Berger	16.14	
Wagner's Gulf Service	37.31	

Mendon Texaco Station	19.58	
O'Grady's Service Sta.	2.15	
Woonsocket Generator Supply		
	80.25	
N. E. Fire Chief's Asso.	3.00	
Carrie Marlow	50.00	
Lakeside Garage	388.20	
Worc. Co. Elec. Co.	36.00	
L. N. Jaques & Sons	2.00	
Farrar Co.	323.67	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	253.70	
Stationery & Postage	5.30	
Lester Hill	5.00	
Lowell's Dairy	2.50	
Mendon Auto Salvage	12.75	
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Total expended		\$2,010.05
Unexpended		59.95
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		\$2,070.00

FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		\$500.00
Expended:		
Wm. F. Irons, Warden	\$25.00	
Payrolls	441.25	
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Total expended		\$466.25
Unexpended		33.75
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		\$500.00

DOG OFFICER

Appropriation		\$125.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		78.75
Total		\$203.75

Expended:

Wm. D. Rondeau, salary and use of car	\$35.00	
Boarding 25 dogs and destroying 24	168.75	
Total expended		\$203.75

CIVILIAN DEFENSE

Balance January 1, 1956		\$.93
Appropriation		200.00
Total		\$200.93
Expended:		
Comm. of Mass.	\$200.00	
Unexpended	.93	
		\$200.93

BOARD OF HEALTH

Appropriation		\$2,250.00
Expended:		
Worc. Co. Treasurer	\$12.00	
Comm. of Mass.	10.00	
M. M. Goodnow Co.	8.50	
District Nurse Asso.	172.00	
A. H. Sweet Co. Inc.	119.85	
Ronald Lukert, M. D.	110.00	
Milford Daily News	15.37	
C. C. Shattuck	6.44	
Town Dump:		
A. F. Bonda, rent and labor	879.50	
James Ferrucci, rent	250.00	
Edward Walenty, labor	210.00	
Highway Dept., labor	146.70	

Milford Exterminating		
Service	150.00	
Ingham's Signs	22.00	
H. M. Curtiss Coal Co.	13.60	
Upton Fuel and		
Const. Co.	104.65	
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Total expended		\$2,230.61
Unexpended		19.39
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		\$2,250.00

DUTCH ELM DISEASE CONTROL

Appropriation	\$500.00
Expended:	
Price-Fletcher, ground spray	\$500.00

INSECT PEST CONTROL

Appropriation	\$652.00
Expended:	
William Nuttall, salary	\$24.00
Maynard Aerial Spraying	500.00
Price-Fletcher, poison	
ivy spraying	128.00
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Total expended	\$652.00

TREE WARDEN

Appropriation	\$900.00
Expended:	
Wm. Nuttall, salary	\$12.00
Labor:	
William Nuttall	300.00
George Hutchinson	256.80

Harold Metcalf	234.80
Clayton Wright	12.00
George Blanchard	63.20
Clifford Mathewson	11.60
Earl Arnold	9.60

Total expended	\$900.00
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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

GENERAL REPAIRS

Appropriation	\$2,200.00
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Expended:

Labor	\$1,601.83
Town Equipment	56.00
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	154.30
Rosenfeld Sand and Stone Co.	7.20
Upton Fuel & Const. Co.	51.90
C. C. Shattuck	17.48
State and County Supt. Assn.	7.00
Smith Hwy. Equip. Co.	20.00
Clark-Shaughnessy Inc.	17.72
Rose Machine Shop	3.00
Mendon Auto Salvage	17.25
Geo. H. Clark Co.	52.47
Henry Bouchard, Sr.	2.00
Medway Block Co.	3.23
Guido Sabatinelli	25.00
Ernest P. Wood	5.00
Dr. E. F. Smith	11.00
Cahill's News Agy.	1.25
Charles Sanderson	3.50
Wm. H. Casey Store	22.07

H. A. Daniels Ins.	13.87	
Files Equipment Co.	36.28	
Ingham's Sign Shop	43.00	
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Total expended		\$2,172.35
Unexpended		27.65
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		\$2,200.00

MOREY STREET IMPROVEMENT

Appropriation		\$500.00
Expended:		
Labor	\$32.80	
Town Equipment	60.00	
Hired Equipment	305.25	
Upton Fuel and		
Const. Co.	101.65	
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Total expended		\$499.70
Unexpended		.30
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		\$500.00

FLOOD DAMAGE—AUGUST 1955

Expenditures:		
Labor	\$200.40	
Norman Rogers	204.00	
Rosenfeld Sand & Stone Co.	14.63	
Upton Fuel Const. Co.	839.35	
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Total expended		\$1,258.38

(The Town has received full reimbursement from the State and Federal government for all expenditures made to repair Flood Damage of August, 1955)

SNOW REMOVAL

Appropriation	\$12,000.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund	955.76	
Total		\$12,955.76
Expended:		
Labor	\$4,171.26	
Town Equipment	2,757.75	
Hired Equipment	3,666.50	
Rosenfeld Sand and Stone Co.	1,246.77	
The Chemical Corp.	968.50	
Smith Hwy. Equip. Co.	35.91	
International Salt. Co.	109.07	
Total expended		\$12,955.76

CHAPTER 81

Town Appropriation	\$3,700.00	
State Allotment	10,175.00	
Total		\$13,875.00
Expended:		
Labor	\$7,537.76	
Town Equipment	1,928.00	
Hired Equipment	425.70	
H. A. Daniels Ins.	409.22	
Roland Temple	64.25	
Rosenfeld Sand and Stone Co.	820.71	
Trimount Bituminous Products	1,842.86	
Corbett Concrete Pipe Co.	67.32	
Upton Fuel & Const. Co.	522.15	

Penn Culvert Co.	236.48	
Medway Block Co.	20.35	
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Total expended		\$13,874.80
Unexpended		.20
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		\$13,875.00

CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

Town Appropriation		\$1,200.00	
State Allotment		1,200.00	
County Allotment		1,200.00	
Total			\$3,600.00
Expended:			
Labor	\$546.25		
Town Equipment	192.00		
Hired Equipment	64.00		
Trimount Bituminous			
Products	2,202.40		
Rosenfeld Sand and			
Stone Co.	571.85		
H. A. Daniels Ins.	23.17		
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Total expended		\$3,599.67	
Unexpended		.33	
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			\$3,600.00

CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION—1955

January 1, 1956 Unexpended balance in 1955		
appropriation		\$8,135.58
Expended in 1956:		
Labor	\$1,685.00	
Town Equipment	726.00	
Hired Equipment	1,801.68	

Upton Fuel and Const. Co.	2,707.60	
Rosenfeld Sand and Stone Co.	92.63	
Clark-Shaughnessy Inc.	7.64	
Trimount Bituminous Products	978.06	
H. Mathewson, compressor	3.50	
H. A. Daniels Co.	89.98	
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Total expended	\$8,092.09	
Unexpended	43.49	
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		\$8,135.58

CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION—1956

Town Appropriation	\$3,000.00	
State Allotment	6,000.00	
County Allotment	3,000.00	
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Total		\$12,000.00
Expended:		
Labor	\$1,097.50	
Town Equipment	464.00	
Hired Equipment	601.05	
Upton Fuel Const. Co.	620.55	
S. E. Construction Co.	338.60	
Penn Culvert Co.	1,399.85	
Medway Block Co.	65.27	
Rosenfeld Sand and Stone Co.	38.05	
Corbett Concrete Pipe Co.	645.48	
H. A. Daniels & Co.	58.61	
E. L. Lebaron Foundry	334.00	
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Total expended	\$5,662.96	
Unexpended	6,337.04	
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		\$12,000.00

ROAD MACHINERY—MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS

Transferred from Road Machinery Fund	\$3,500.00	
From Reserve Fund	.02	
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Total	\$3,500.02	

Expended:

Labor	\$78.20
Lakeside Garage	1,221.69
Mendon Gulf Service	832.58
H. A. Daniels & Co.	212.23
Donald B. Lowell	66.50
Karl Bright Ins. Agy.	116.25
Arc Way Welding Co.	52.00
F. Frabotta & Sons	26.11
E. F. Edson Co.	385.47
Vin's Gulf Station	4.40
Hopedale Gulf Station	4.98
Nelson Service Station	38.44
Mendon Texaco Station	216.03
Jesse White	4.75
Rose Machine Shop	4.00
Registry Motor Vehicles	9.00
Files Equip. Co.	10.13
Kelley Farm Equip. Co.	34.75
O'Grady Serv. Station	95.06
Blackstone Garage	10.25
Mendon Auto Salvage	77.20

Total expended	<hr/>	\$3,500.02
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ROAD MACHINERY FUND

Balance January 1, 1956	\$3,347.70	
Paid to Town Treasurer for use of equipment:		
General Repairs	\$56.00	
Snow Removal	2,757.75	
Morey St. Improvement	60.00	
Chapter 81	1,928.00	
Chapter 90 Maint.	192.00	
Chapter 90 Const. 1955	726.00	
Chapter 90 Const. 1956	464.00	
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Total receipts	\$6,183.75	
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Total receipts and balance		\$9,531.45
Transfers:		
To Highway Maint. and Repairs	\$3,500.00	
To 1955 Hwy. Truck Acct.	382.00	
To 1956 Hwy. Truck Account	3,300.00	
Total Transfer		7,182.00
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Balance in Road Machinery Fund Dec. 31, 1956		\$2,349.45

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE—SALARIES

Appropriation		\$45.00
Expended:		
Harold Metcalf	\$15.00	
John L. Lundvall	2.50	
Ernest P. Wood	15.00	
Robert P. Congdon	12.50	
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Total expended		\$45.00

PUBLIC WELFARE—TEMPORARY AID

Appropriation		\$6,000.00
Expended:		
Cash Aid	\$1,909.49	
Fuel	190.50	
Food	452.89	
Clothing	9.72	
Medical care	632.66	
Hospitalization	1,634.09	
Town of Kingston	30.15	
Town of Blackstone	42.44	
Town of Uxbridge	34.00	
Town of Milford	95.00	
Town of Ashland	94.00	
Disability Assistance	821.98	
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Total expended		\$5,946.92
Unexpended		53.08
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		\$6,000.00

Cases aided 17; persons aided 48.

Proportionate share of above expenditures:

Chargeable to other	
Towns	\$339.32
Chargeable to State of	
Mass.	1,095.53
Chargeable to State and	
Federal Gov't.	
for D. A.	616.49
Chargeable to Mendon	3,895.58
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\$5,946.92

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Town Appropriation	\$1,500.00	
Federal Grants received in 1956	280.00	
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Total available		\$1,780.00
Expended:		
Direct Aid, 1 case;		
2 persons	\$455.20	
Unexpended	1,324.80	
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		\$1,780.00
Proportionate share of above expenditures:		
Chargeable to Federal		
Gov't.	\$280.00	
Chargeable to State of		
Mass.	147.72	
Chargeable to Mendon	27.48	
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	\$455.20	

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE—FEDERAL GRANT

January 1, 1956, Balance	\$92.56	
Federal Grants received in 1956	847.86	
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Total available		\$940.42
Expended:		
Direct Aid, 2 persons	\$829.23	
Unexpended	111.19	
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		\$940.42
Proportionate share of above expenditures:		
Chargeable to State and Federal		
Gov't.	\$621.92	
Chargeable to Mendon	207.31	
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	\$829.23	

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Town Appropriation	\$22,000.00	
Federal Grants received in 1956	13,724.77	
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Total available		\$35,724.77
Expended:		
Direct Aid, 37 cases	\$33,542.24	
Town of Hopedale, 1 case	72.20	
Town of Blackstone,		
3 cases	195.66	
Town of Milford,		
2 cases	64.38	
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Total expended	\$33,874.48	
Unexpended	1,850.29	
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		\$35,724.77
Proportionate share of above expenditures:		
Chargeable to Federal		
Gov't	\$13,885.44	
Chargeable to State of		
Mass.	14,455.78	
Chargeable to City of		
Worcester	117.62	
Chargeable to Town of		
Milford	719.27	
Chargeable to Mendon	4,696.37	
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	\$33,874.48	

ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Town Appropriation	\$1,200.00	
Balance in Federal Grants 1/1/56	47.28	
Federal Grants received in 1956	914.15	
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Total available		\$2,161.43

Expended:

Salaries	\$1,800.00
Travel expense	26.75
Postage	24.00
Supplies	19.20
Telephone	138.30

Total expended	\$2,008.25
Unexpended	153.18

\$2,161.43

Proportionate share of above expenditures:

Chargeable to Federal	
Gov't.	\$920.71
Chargeable to State of	
Mass.	15.65
Chargeable to Mendon	1,071.89

\$2,008.25

VETERAN'S BENEFITS

Appropriation	\$3,500.00
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Expended:

Cash Aid	\$1,447.10
Fuel	44.79
Medical	128.55
Ambulance	30.00
Town of Ashland	10.00
Agent's Expense:	
Postage & Supplies	17.00
Dues State and County	
Assn.	15.00

Total expended	\$1,692.44
Unexpended	1,807.56

\$3,500.00

Cases Aided 7. Persons Aided 15
Proportionate share of above expenditures:

State of Mass.	\$827.53
Town of Mendon	864.91

\$1,692.44

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Appropriation	\$2,700.00
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Expended:

Norfolk Co. Agri.	
School	\$1,040.00
City of Worcester	263.22
Carlstrom Bus Lines	100.80
Clayton Parkinson	203.75

Total expended	\$1,607.77
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Unexpended	1,092.23
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\$2,700.00

SPECIAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Balance January 1, 1956	\$1,199.40
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Revenue from Meals	7,776.07
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State Reimbursement	3,410.36
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Returned Check	2.16
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Total available	\$12,387.99
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Expended:

Salaries	\$2,925.00
Food supplies	8,365.19
Equip. & supplies	175.57
Express charges	150.94
Clerical	47.00

Total expended	\$11,663.70	
Balance December 31, 1956	724.29	
	<hr/>	\$12,387.99

PARK DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$350.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund	14.08	
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Total		\$364.08
Expended:		
Labor:		
Henry Bennett	\$30.00	
Fred Phipps	30.00	
George Johnson	227.78	
R. E. Thomas	36.00	
Clayton Parkinson	16.80	
Lakeside Flower Shop	23.50	
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Total expended		\$364.08

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

Appropriation		\$225.00
Expended:		
Lakeside Flower Shop	\$24.50	
Sons of U. V., flags	16.00	
D. C. Ryan, band	150.00	
C. C. Shattuck, supplies	34.20	
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Total expended	\$224.70	
Unexpended	.30	
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		\$225.00

TOWN REPORT

Appropriation		\$693.00
Expended:		
Charlescraft Press	\$672.00	
Delivery of Reports	21.00	
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Total expended		\$693.00

RESERVE FUND

Appropriation		\$2,000.00
Transfers:		
To Town Accountant		
Expense	\$4.66	
To Snow Removal	955.76	
To Park Department	14.08	
To Dog Officer Acct.	78.75	
To Elections and		
Registrations	207.53	
To Interest on Revenue		
Loan	18.75	
To Record Room		
Maintenance	32.48	
To Taft Public Library	62.36	
To Road Machinery Account	.02	
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Total Transfers		\$1,374.39
Balance		625.61
		\$2,000.00

REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT

December 31, 1956

RECEIPTS

GENERAL REVENUE

Taxes:

Current Year:

Poll	\$990.00
Personal Property	8,668.08
Real Estate	83,471.82
Motor Vehicle Excise	16,204.16

Previous Years:

Personal Property	755.00
Real Estate	4,089.55
Motor Vehicle Excise	2,033 87

Special Taxes:

Estate of Deceased Persons	94.00
Discrepancy Account	102.40

From the State:

Corporation Tax	6,756.00
Income Tax	1,090.68
O. A. A. Meal Tax	776.60
Licenses and Permits	870.00
Court Fines	75.00

Grants and Gifts:

From Federal Government:

Old Age Assistance, Aid	13,724.77
Old Age Assistance, Administ.	861.55

Aid to Dependent Children, Aid	280.00
Aid to Dependent Children, Administ.	23.86
Disability Assistance, Aid	847.86
Disability Assistance, Administ.	28.74

From State:

School Aid, Chapter 70	18,246.01
School Superintendents	1,493.31
Vocational Education	970.75
School Transportation	10,673.18
Tuition State Wards	982.17

Highways:

Chapter 81, 1955 Contract	3,250.95
Chapter 81, 1956 Contract	4,960.35
Chapter 90 Maintenance, 1955	1,199.82
Chapter 90 Construction, 1955	4,978.25
Repair of Flood Damage, 1955	7,737.12

From County:

Chapter 90 Maintenance, 1955	1,199.82
Chapter 90 Construction, 1955	2,489.13
Dog License Refund	512.28

Other:

Inspector of Animals	75.00
Rent of Fire Tower land	50.00

COMMERCIAL REVENUE

Town Hall Rent	392.50
Gasoline Registration	.50
Wire Inspections	85.00
Sealer's Fees	21.00
Sale of Town Maps	7.00
Sale of Town Annals	5.00
County, Dog Officer Refund	156.50

Highways:

Truck and Machinery rental	6,183.75
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Charities:

Temporary Aid:

From the State	953.94
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From Cities and Towns	904.33
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Aid to Dependent Children:

From the State	72.12
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Disability Assistance:

From the State	406.51
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Old Age Assistance:

From the State	14,303.32
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From Cities aid Towns	1,255.95
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From Individuals	215.88
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Veteran's Benefits:

From the State	881.01
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Schools:

No. Smithfield, tuition	636.88
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School Lunch Revenue	11,188.59
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Library Fines	28.83
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Water Department Revenue	1,724.47
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Interest:

Thayer Cemetery Fund	5.00
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Deferred Taxes	242.17
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Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	54.89
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Revenue Loan	25,000.00
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AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT

Town Clerk, Dog License Fees	736.20
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Trust Fund Income	178.15
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Federal Withholding Taxes	8,920.78
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Worcester Co. Retirement Fund	1,464.41
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REFUNDS

Collector's Bond	37.50
Board of Health	12.00
Insurance account Highway Damages	79.10
Installation of Water Services	847.52
Advertisement of hearings	22.50
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Total Receipts	\$277,585.38
Balance January 1, 1956	44,334.54
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	\$321,919.92

EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Moderator's Salary	\$25.00
Selectmen's Salaries	700.00
Selectmen's Expense	154.95
Town Accountant's Salary	500.00
Town Accountant's Expense	54.66
Treasurer's Salary	700.00
Treasurer's Expense	230.26
Collector's Salary	925.00
Collector's Expense	249.76
Assessor's Salaries	700.00
Assessor's Expense	228.46
Town Counsel's Salary	100.00
Town Counsel's Expense	75.00
Town Clerk's Salary	250.00
Town Clerk's Expense	267.08
Elections & Registration	1,407.53
Clerical Hire—Town Officers	336.50
Bonds for Town Officers	257.75
Town Hall Maintenance	868.87
Record Room Maintenance	542.48
Heat & Lights—Town Buildings	2,424.39

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Constable's Salary	25.00
Police Department	3,909.56
Fire Department	2,010.05
Wire Inspector	80.00
Sealer of Weights & Measurers	60.00
Insect Pest Control	652.00
Dutch Elm Disease Control	500.00
Tree Warden	900.00
Forest Fires	466.25
Dog Officer	203.75
Civilian Defense	200.00
Fire Hose	500.00
Repair of Flood Damage	1,258.38

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health	2,230.61
Worcester County Hospital	1,964.63
Inspector of Animals	150.00
Inspector of Slaughtering	25.00

HIGHWAYS

General Repairs	2,172.35
Highway Machinery Maintenance	3,500.02
Snow Removal	12,955.76
Chapter 81	13,874.80
Chapter 90 Maintenance	3,599.67
Chapter 90 Construction, 1955	8,092.09
Chapter 90 Construction, 1956	5,662.96
Morey Street Improvement	499.70
Street Lighting	756.00
1955 Dump Truck	382.00
1956 Dump Truck	3,123.75

CHARITIES

Public Welfare Salaries	45.00
General Relief	5,946.92
Disability Asst., Federal Grant	829.23
Aid to Dependent Children	455.20
Old Age Assistance	33,874.48
Administ. of Public Assistance	2,008.25
Veterans' Benefits	1,692.44
Administ. of Veterans' Benefits	200.00

SCHOOL AND LIBRARY

School Department	72,846.90
Vocational Education	1,607.77
School Lunch Program	11,663.70
Taft Public Library	1,712.36

UNCLASSIFIED

Founders Park Fund	5.97
Park Department	364.08
Memorial Day Observance	224.70
Annuity Fund	500.00
Insurance Town Buildings	2,393.05
Worcester Co. Retirement Fund	1,226.18
Town Reports	693.00
Soldiers and Sailors Graves	30.00
State Audit	520.83

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISE

Water Department Maintenance	723.82
Water Extensions:	
Bates Street	4,856.03
Cape Road	613.72

INTEREST

School House Note	45.00
Water Construction Note	303.75
Revenue Loan	218.75

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

School House Loan	1,000.00
Water Construction Loan	1,000.00
Revenue Loan	25,000.00
State Parks and Reservations	405.22

AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT

County Tax	6,025.05
Dog Licenses for County	736.20
Austin Fletcher Library Fund	160.15
Anna Ellis Library Fund	18.00
Federal Withholding Taxes	8,920.78
Worcester Co. Retirement Deductions	1,464.41

REFUNDS

1956 Real Estate Taxes	57.60
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes 1955	117.86
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes 1956	493.25

Total Expenditures	\$271,751.67
Balance December 31, 1956	50,168.25
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	\$321,919.92

HELEN F. IRONS,
Town Accountant

Balance Sheet December 31, 1956

Assets		Liabilities and Reserves
Cash:		
General	\$50,168.25	Excess—Sales of Lands of Low Value \$69.63
		Tailings 31.78
Accounts Receivable:		Thayer Cemetery Fund Income 25.06
Taxes:		Old Age Assistance Recoveries 287.68
Levy of 1955:		Federal Grants:
Personal Property \$55.30		Disability Assistance:
Real Estate 1,327.87		Administration \$.06
		Assistance 111.19
Levy of 1956:		Aid to Dependent Children:
Personal Property 763.20		Administration .86
Real Estate 6,656.11		Assistance 280.00
	\$8,802.48	
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:		Old Age Assistance:
Levy of 1956	\$2,427.70	Administration 152.26
Tax Titles \$52.74		Assistance 1,850.29
Tax Possessions 53.87		
	\$106.61	School Lunch Program \$2,394.66
		724.29

Departmental:			Appropriation Balances:	
Town Hall	\$108.00		Revenue:	
Veterans' Services	486.01		General	2,313.42
Aid to Dep. Children—State	75.60		Overestimates 1956:	
Old Age Assist.—			County Hospital Assessment	608.02
Cities and Towns	60.81		Sale of Real Estate Fund	700.00
			Receipts reserved for Appropriations:	
Water			Road Machinery	2,349.45
Aid to Highways:			Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus	5,266.30
State:			Overlays Reserved for Abatements:	
Chapter 81	\$5,214.65		Levy of 1955	\$730.16
Chapter 90			Levy of 1956	521.21
Maintenance	1,200.00			
Construction	6,000.00			
County:				\$1,251.37
Chapter 90			Revenue Reserved Until Collected:	
Maintenance	1,200.00		Motor Vehicle and Trailer	
Construction	3,000.00		Excise	\$2,427.70
			Tax Title and Possession	106.61
Unprovided for or Overdrawn Accounts:	\$16,614.65		Departmental	730.42
Underestimates 1956			Water	90.90
State Parks and Reservations	\$168.24			

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds:
 Cash and Securities:
 In Custody of Treasurer

Austin Wood Relief Fund	\$1,266.43
Nathan R. George Relief Fund	1,400.13
Anna Ellis Library Fund	631.29
Austin B. Fletcher Library Fund	5,336.14
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	233.74
Post-War Rehabilitation Fund	1,351.11
Stabilization Fund	39,433.95
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	\$49,652.79
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	\$49,652.79

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HELEN F. IRONS,
 Town Accountant

LIST OF JURORS

Charles W. Arrand	Taft Ave.	Clerk
Arthur Bethel	Cape Rd.	Printer
William R. Bowen	Bates St.	Supt. of Streets
Frank E. Dudley	Maple St.	Payroll Clerk
Everett F. Goodnow	North Ave.	Rigger
Mildred T. Goss	Maple St.	Housewife
George L. Hadley	Washington St.	Writer
Edward G. Harvey	Taft Ave.	Steamfitter
Richard P. Hoberg	Providence St.	Chauffeur
Everett J. Kempton	Hartford Ave., West	Foreman
Dorothy I. Kimball	Cape Rd.	Assembler
Berneta M. Lowell	Hastings St.	Secretary
Etore J. Magliocca	Cape Rd.	Oil Dealer
Kenneth D. Morgan	North Ave.	Tele. Line Assignee
Leonard M. Rogers	North Ave.	Research Eng.
Marjorie H. Shattuck	Elm St.	Housewife
Barbara E. Taft	Main St.	Clerk
Helen B. Taylor	Emerson St.	Housewife
John S. Washburn	Hartford Ave. East	Draftsman
Ernest P. Wood	Hartford Ave. West	Tool Maker

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

January 1, 1956—January 1, 1957

Cash on hand January 1, 1956	\$44,334.54	
Receipts for year 1956	277,585.38	
		<u>\$321,919.92</u>
Paid per Selectmen's Warrants	\$271.751.67	
Cash balance December 31, 1956	50,168.25	
		<u>\$321,919.92</u>
Balance on hand December 31, 1956		\$50,168.25
In Home National Bank	\$6,948.26	
In the Milford National Bank	54,512.47	
		<u>\$61,460.73</u>
Less uncashed checks as of December 31, 1956	11,292.48	
		<u>\$50,168.25</u>

(See Town Accountant's Report for detail of
Receipts and Expenditures)

TRUST FUND REPORTS—DECEMBER 31, 1956

AUSTIN WOOD RELIEF FUND

Dr.

To cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$628.42
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To Interest received from Milford Savings Bank	18.98	
	<hr/>	\$647.40
To cash in Worcester County Institution for Savings	\$600.90	
To Interest received from Worcester County Institution for Savings	18.13	
	<hr/>	\$619.03
		<hr/>
		\$1,266.43

Cr.

By cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$647.40	
By cash in Worcester County Institution for Savings	619.03	
	<hr/>	\$1,266.43

REHABILITATION FUND

POST—WAR

Dr.

To cash and interest received from matured Defense Bond	\$1,012.50	
To Interest received from Milford Savings Bank	20.32	
	<hr/>	\$1,032.82
To cash in Home National Bank	313.58	

To Interest received from The Home National Bank	4.71	
	<hr/>	\$318.29
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		\$1,351.11

Cr.

By Cash Milford Savings Bank	\$1,032.82	
By Cash in Home National Bank	318.29	
	<hr/>	\$1,351.11

STABILIZATION FUND

Dr.

To cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$21,655.95	
To Interest received from Milford Savings Bank	641.85	
To Cash in Milford Federal Savings and Loan Association	16,633.42	
To Interest Received from Milford Federal Savings and Loan Association	502.73	
	<hr/>	\$39,433.95

Cr.

By cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$22,297.80	
By Cash in Milford Federal Savings and Loan Association	17,136.15	
	<hr/>	\$39,433.95

ANNA ELLIS LIBRARY FUND

Dr.

To Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$630.25	
To Interest received from Milford Savings Bank	19.04	
		\$649.29

CR.

By Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$631.29	
By one Library Order	18.00	
	<hr/>	\$649.29

NATHAN R. GEORGE, JR. RELIEF FUND

Dr.

To Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$1,359.05	
To Interest Received from Milford Savings Bank	41.08	
		\$1,400.13

CR.

By Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$1,400.13	
	<hr/>	\$1,400.13

AUSTIN B. FLETCHER LIBRARY FUND

DR.

To Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$5,336.25
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To Interest received from Milford Savings Bank	160.04	
	<hr/>	\$5,496.29

CR.

By Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$5,336.14	
By Two Library Orders	160.15	
	<hr/>	\$5,496.29

ANNIE E. GASKILL LOT—BICKNELL CEMETERY

DR.

To Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$113.44	
To Interest Received From Milford Savings Bank	3.43	
	<hr/>	\$116.87

CR.

By Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$116.87	
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JOSEPH S. COX, JOSEPH BATES AND JOHN S. COX

LOTS—BICKNELL CEMETERY

DR.

To Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$113.44
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To Interest received from Milford Savings Bank	3.43	
	<hr/>	\$116.87

CR.

By Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$116.87	
	<hr/>	\$116.87

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. LEONARD,

Treasurer Town of Mendon

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

1956

1954 Personal Property Taxes

DR.

Taxes Outstanding Jan. 1, 1956	\$95.92	
Interest	4.38	
		\$100.30

CR.

Paid Treasurer	\$100.30	
Uncollected	.00	
		\$100.30

Dr.

1954 Real Estate Taxes

Taxes Outstanding Jan. 1, 1956	\$1,141.65	
Interest	67.89	
		\$1,209.54

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$1,209.54	
Uncollected	.00	
		\$1,209.54

1955 Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes

Dr.

Taxes Ounstanding Jan. 1, 1956 and
Including committment of

Feb. 3, 1956	\$2,227.65	
Interest	31.21	
R. A. Roberts discrepancy account, Int. and costs	12.47	
	<hr/>	\$2,271.33

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$2,065.08	
Abated	103.85	
Received from Bonding Co. on R. A. Roberts discrepancy account	\$102.40	
Uncollected	.00	
	<hr/>	\$2,271.33

1955 Personal Property Taxes

Dr.

Taxes Outstanding Jan. 1, 1956	\$714.38	
Interest	24.08	
	<hr/>	\$738.46

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$683.16	
Uncollected	55.30	
	<hr/>	\$738.46

1955 Real Estate Taxes

Dr.

Taxes Outsstanding Jan. 1, 1956	\$4,286.35	
Interest	100.48	
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		\$4,386.83

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$3,048.38	
Abated	10.58	
Uncollected	1,327.87	
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		\$4,386.83

1956 Poll Taxes

Dr.

Taxes Comitted	\$1,208.00	
Interest	1.84	
Charges and Fees	22.75	
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		\$1,232.59

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$1,014.59	
Abated	218.00	
Uncollected	.00	
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		\$1,232.59

1956 Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes

Dr.

Total Taxes Committed	\$19,549.94	
Interest	20.79	
	<hr/>	\$19,570.73

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$16,224.95	
Abated	918.08	
Uncollected	2,427.70	
	<hr/>	\$19,570.73

1956 Personal Property Taxes

Dr.

Taxes Committed	\$9,431.28	
Interest	.31	
	<hr/>	\$9,431.59

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$8,668.39	
Uncollected	763.20	
	<hr/>	\$9,431.59

1956 Real Estate Taxes

Dr.

Taxes Committed	\$92,331.12	
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Interest	22.39	
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		\$92,353.51

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$83,494.21	
Abated	2,203.19	
Uncollected	6,656.11	
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		\$92,353.51

Tax Refunds in 1956	
1955 Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	\$117.86
1956 Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	493.25
1956 Real Estate Taxes	57.60
Tax Liens Against Estate of Deceased Persons	

Dr.

Estate of Bertha G. Wilson	\$94.94	
		\$94.94

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$94.94	
Uncollected	.00	
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		\$94.94
Refund on 1954 Bond	\$37.50	
Paid Treasurer	\$37.50	

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR P. DALTON,

Collector of Taxes

January 1, 1957

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

December 31, 1956

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit to you the following report.

Report for year 1956:

Disturbances	5
Breaks Reported	15
Complaints	111
Attempted Assault	1
Robbery in the daytime	1
Cars reported stolen and returned	3
Assisted out of town Police	11
Persons reported missing and found	5
Accidents (Property damage in excess of \$100.)	32
Accidents (Property damage under \$100.)	13
Fatal Accidents	1
Personal injuries reported in 22 out of 32 accidents	
Residents of Town involved in accidents reported	16

Bicycles registered	27
Hit and Run accidents	6
Licenses recommended Suspended	28
Registrations recommended Suspended	1
'Tags Issued for defective Equipment	28
Parking Tags issued	11
Pistol Permits issued	26
Permits issued to purchase Pistols	2
Arrests	4
Summons served	25
Motorist summoned for traffic violations	31
Motorist found guilty for Traffic violations	27

Despite the fact that we, as a department, worked continuously cracking down on the would-be violator, I had to record the death of Philip Lepage of Uxbridge which occurred on September 9, 1956. Our town had not had a pedestrian or automobile fatality since November 1954. Let us all work together as a team and when we take the wheel of an automobile into our hands let us bear in mind that automobiles ranked third in the causes of death in our country last year.

Our safety patrol program has been very effective under the capable supervision of our High School Principal Mr. Henry Clough. The boys who have been designated as Patrol Boys have worked very hard to make the program a success.

In June 1956 we received notice from the Registry of Motor Vehicles that an operator's report had to be made

out only when the property damage exceeded \$200. or if there is any personal injury.

An all night "Parking Ban" was placed in effect in the Town this past Winter. This has proven to be a great help to the Highway Department when plowing snow.

A total of 9,555 miles was covered by the Police Department in the performance of their duties.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank each and every one for their cooperation in 1956.

Respectfully submitted

WILLIAM D. RONDEAU,

Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit to you the following report for the year 1956:

Scales under 100 lbs. at .50	6
Scales over 100 lbs. at \$1.00	1
Gasoline Pumps at \$1.00	10
Grease Pumps at \$1.00	4
Milk Tanks at \$1.00 for the 1st hundred and .50 for each additional 100 gallons stored	1
Fees and adjusting charges as authorized by Section 56, General Laws, Chapter 98 as amended by Chapter 34, Acts of 1949.	

If any adjustments are made on scales or pumps where the Seals have been broken to do so, the Sealer of Weights and Measures should be notified before said equipment is restored to use.

Respectfully submitted

WILLIAM D. RONDEAU,
Sealer of Weights and Measures

REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit to you the following report for the year 1956:

Dogs reported lost	10
Dogs killed by Autos	11
Persons bitten by Dogs	9
Dogs Boarded	24
Dogs Destroyed	20
Complaints Received and Investigated	17

According to Law, if a dog is allowed to be on the loose, he must be collared and tagged.

Any dog three months old or over must be licensed.

All dogs must be licensed on or before March 31. Ninety dogs were reported unlicensed as of June 1, which had to be collected.

Respectfully submitted

WILLIAM D. RONDEAU,

Dog Officer

ASSESSORS' REPORT

The Assessors' Recapitulation Sheet and Table of Aggregates is given below:

RECAPITULATION 1956

Town Appropriations:

Voted since 1955 Tax Rate	
was fixed	\$173,303.98
Other	3,920.41

State:

Tax and Assessments	757.81
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County:

Tax and Assessments	8,610.67
Overlay for 1956	3,0000.0

Gross Amount to be raised	\$189,592.87
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Estimated Receipts	\$76,138.79
Available Funds	10,540.08

Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds	\$86,678.87
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Net amount to be raised by taxation

on Polls and Property	\$102,914.00
604 Poll Taxes at \$2.00	\$1,208.00
Personal Property Taxes	9,431.28
Real Estate Taxes	92,274.72
	\$102,914.00

AGGREGATES 1956

Assessments on Real Estate	755
Assessments on Personal Estate	63
Polls Assessed	604

Value of Assessed Personal Estate:

Stock in trade	\$11,900.00
Machinery	82,500.00
Livestock	58,535.00
Other tangible Personal Property	43,550.00

Total value of Assessed Personal Estate	\$196,485.00
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Value of Assessed Real Estate:

Land exclusive of buildings	\$332,095.00
Buildings exclusive of land	1,590,295.00

Total value of Assessed Real Estate	\$1,922,390.00
Total value of Assessed Estate	\$2,118,875.00
Tax on Personal Estate	\$9,431.28
Tax on Real Estate	92,274.72
Tax on Polls	1,208.00

Total taxes levied	\$102,914.00
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Rate of Tax per \$1,000.00	\$48.00
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Number of Livestock Assessed:

Horses	21
Cows	439
Other Neat Cattle	120
Swine	51
Sheep	27

Fowl	6,015
All other	9
Number of Dwelling Houses assessed	644
Number of Acres of Land assessed	10,761

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes

Committed to Collector:

Vehicles registered in 1955	\$1,281.93	
Vehicles registered in 1956	19,549.94	
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Total Commitments		\$20,831.87

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes Abated:

1955 Taxes	\$221.71	
1956 Taxes	1,411.33	
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Total Abatements		\$1,633.04

Overlay Account 1956

1956 Overlay	\$3,000.00
1956 Abatements on Polls and Property	\$2,478.79

Respectfully submitted

DONALD B. LOWELL

D. KINGSLEY BARNES

CARL M. TAFT, Clerk

Board of Assessors

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Selectmen of Mendon:

Gentlemen:

The Fire Department answered 20 alarms in 1956 with an estimated loss of \$5,450.

5 Building Fires

6 Chimney Fires

3 Resperator Calls

3 Oil Burner Fires

3 Truck and Auto Fires

Generator and Flood Lights to Mill Fire, Woon., R. I.

15 Wells pumped out

1 Cellar pumped out

The Forest Fire Department answered 22 alarms in 1956 which burned over 3 acres wood and brush land and 7 acres of grass. Only one of these a major fire, the others less than one acre each.

320 burning permits were given out and only four of these went out of control.

The Firemen held an Auction and Minstrel Show making a good sum, which paid for a parade, refreshments and entertainment the night before the Fourth of July.

The Fire Station was decorated at Christmas and the Firemen with the Grange decorated and lighted the tree in Founders Park.

A factory rebuilt engine was installed in Fire Engine No. 2, making it a good piece of Fire Apparatus.

Our two-way radios are working very satisfactorily and puts us in direct communication with our fire tower observer.

May I express my thanks to the townspeople for their cooperation the past year.

Respectfully submitted

WILLIAM F. IRONS,

Fire Chief and Forest Warden

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY SURVEYOR

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I submit the following report of work done on Town roads during 1956:

CHAPTER 81

There were 11,306 gallons of tar and asphalt applied to various roads under this Chapter. On Quissett Road 1,600 feet of roadway was rebuilt and hard topped. On Inman Hill 1,000 feet was widened and rebuilt with a hard top applied. 1,400 feet of road was widened on Blackstone Street and a bad curve was eliminated.. One hundred and fifty yards of ledge was removed and the surface was also hard topped. Brush was cut on all roads including Chapter 90 highways.

CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

There were 14,046 gallons of tar and asphalt applied to various roads under this Chapter. The shoulders were cut down on some of these roads and some new drainage installed.

CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION (1955)

With money carried over from the 1955 appropriation, we completed the work on Providence Street. The new drain-

age near the residence of Mr. Keefe is now adequate to take care of the flow of water from Willow Brook and is working satisfactorily.. The unexpended funds from the Providence Street project were applied to work on Blackstone Street.

CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION (1956)

On account of drainage problems, we were late in starting construction on North Avenue. The drainage for this section is now completed. We used 914 feet of twelve inch pipe and 260 feet of fifteen inch pipe. Four catch basins, three man holes and two drop inlets were installed. When the roadway is completed in 1957 it will be thirty-two feet wide as far as the Catholic Church.

MOWRY STREET IMPROVEMENT

Under a town appropriation, a section of this road as far as the William Hutchinson residence was widened, graveled and drainage was installed.

I wish to thank the townspeople as well as the State and County Engineers for their cooperation and assistance during the past year.

Respectfully submitted

WILLIAM R. BOWEN,

Highway Surveyor

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

Due to the Dutch Elm disease, I have taken down and destroyed 34 trees and trimmed the highways.

A survey has been made with Mr. Lawrence R. Laverdure, District Supervisor of Natural Resources of infested trees. There are about fifty more trees with Dutch Elm disease which must be taken down and destroyed. I am, therefore, requesting an additional amount of \$300 in my 1957 budget to cover this work. This will make the total appropriation for this department \$1,200.00.

Respectfully submitted

WILLIAM NUTTALL,

Tree Warden

Appropriation for Water Dept. Maintenance	\$1,200.00
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Lloyd Nelson, repairs	\$94.39
Postage	5.30
Printing	13.00
Meter Reading	18.00
Meter Repairs	24.00
Varney Bros.	8.75
Town of Bellingham, water	545.38
Clerical	12.00
Advertising	3.00

Total expended	\$723.82	
Unexpended	476.18	
	<hr/>	\$1,200.00

Expended for Maint.	\$723.82
For Water Loan Note	1,000.00

For Interest on Note	303.75	
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Total costs for 1956		\$2,027.57
Received for sale of water		1,724.47
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Net loss for 1956		\$303.10

During 1956 extensions to the East Mendon Water System were made on Bates Street and Cape Road. Thus ten more services were added, making a total of sixty-four. One more hydrant was also installed, bringing the total number of hydrants to twelve. Following is a detail of expenditures: Appropriation for Bates Street Extension \$4,946.25

Expended:

Printing	\$15.00	
Advertising	18.00	
Clerical	35.00	
Consigli Const. Co.	4,788.03	
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Total expended		\$4,856.03
Unexpended		90.22
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		\$4,946.25

Appropriation for Cape Road Extension \$2,000.00

Expended:

Consigli Const. Co.	\$216.08	
Lloyd Nelson	231.00	
Nelson Meter Service	166.64	
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Total expended		\$613.72
Unexpended		1,386.28
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		\$2,000.00

Recapitulation

Total expenditures for Water Extensions	\$5,469.75
Repayments from takers for installation costs	867.32
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Net cost to Town	\$4,602.43

Respectfully submitted

CLARENCE E. VARNEY, Ch.

DONATO F. LEONE

M. MORTON GOODNOW

Water Commissioners

REPORT OF WIRING INSPECTOR

Inspection sheets issued 46

Value of same \$109.00

Made up as follows:

Cash received	\$85.00
No. 120 (electrician unknown)	
Bad Debts (2)	6.00
No. 106 (electrician died)	
Cancellations (1) (Dup. No. 124)	3.00
Oustanding (2)	
No. 101	9.00
No. 104	5.00
Overpaid last year (1) No. 138	1.00
Total	\$109.00

WALTER J. CHANNING

Wiring Inspector

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

1956

Dog Licenses

180 Males at \$2.00 each	\$360.00	
29 Females at \$5.00 each	145.00	
85 Spayed Females at 2.00 each	170.00	
7 \$10.00 Kennel Licenses	70.00	
2 \$25.00 Kennel Licenses	50.00	
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		\$795.00
Less Clerk's Fees: 303 licenses at 20c		60.60
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Cash paid to Town Treasurer as per Monthly Statements	\$734.40
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1 transfer license issued in 1956

All dogs three months old or more must be licensed at the Town Clerk's office on or before April 1, 1957. The Dog License Refund is added to the General School Fund of our Town.

Sporting Licenses issued from Jan. 1, 1956 to Dec. 31, 1956

- 108 Resident Fishing
- 105 Resident Hunting
- 83 Resident Sporting
- 14 Resident Minor Fishing

- 23 Resident Female Fishing
- 1 Resident Minor Trapping
- 1 Resident Trapping
- 2 Non-resident Minor Fishing
- 5 Non-resident Citizen Fishing
- 2 Non-resident Citizen Hunting
- 1 Non-resident Citizen Sporting
- 10 Duplicate licenses
- 14 Resident Citizen Sporting **FREE**

Total amount received for licenses	\$1,306.25
Less amount retained for fees — 345 at 25c	86.25
Amount sent to the Dept. of Natural Resources	<hr/> \$1,220.00

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1956

Date of Birth 1956		Name of Child	Name of Parents with Maiden Name of Mother
Jan.	5	George Andrew Howarth	George and Carol Tredeau
	19	Baby Boy Houlihan	John P. and Gloria Purdy
Feb.	1	Mary Elizabeth Hackenson	Thomas D. and Dorothy Charge
	6	Laurel Ann Barr	Gordon E. and Alice G. Wilde
	20	David Allan Phillips	Carroll W. and Dorothy McLaughlin
	23	Thomas Philip Guerra, Jr.	Thomas P. and Ruth M.. Bosma
	25	Edward Craig Kingsley	Roland A. and Jeannette Roy
Mar.	1	Sharon Mae Thrash	Melvin V. and Jacquelyn M. Curley
	27	Therese Ann Starrett	Paul L. and Gertrude Wilson
Apr.	7	Paula Jeanne Morin	Edward P. and Marie Fort er
	9	Joseph Michael Candela	Americo and Evelyn Dufresne
	15	Brenda Dawn Munhall	Terrance D. and Lucille Slotnick
	28	Deborah Susanne Stewart	Donald F. and Dora M. Ernest
May	9	James Arthur Paradiso	Edward and Ruth Meade
June	9	Mark Philip DeLorge	Louise A. and Irma Barron
	10	Lee Robin Rogers	Wesley and Virginia Kerr
July	6	Susan Donn Ingham	Alfred W. and Nina M. Busby
	23	Eva Marie Thomas	Ernest S. and Mary Labaire
Aug.	5	Daniel Patrick Malia	Thomas J. and Elaine M. Carmody
	8	Thomas Edward Gaskill	Walter A. and Pauline J. Care
	11	Michael Richard Watters	Alton H. and Arlene M. Richard
	12	Dana David Deiana	Rudolph L. and Elnora Vasile
	19	Edward Theodore Wolanski	Edward J. and Jennie P. Oleksyk
Sept.	2	William Thomas McTurk	Robert W. and Nancy A. Nash
	4	Bonnie Jean Bouchard	Ernest A. and Frances Wojnowski
	6	Patricia Marie Morgan	Kenneth D. and Dorothy Condrick
	19	Ann Marie Brogan	Elwyn D. and Ann M. Taxiera
Oct.	6	Donna Marie Gaskell	Donald H. and Betty A. Desmarais
	7	Brenda Joyce Carlson	Roland L. and Marjorie E. Boyd
	7	Heidi Jane Taylor	Kenneth and Lois J. Wagner
	8	David Kingsley Barnes	Daniel N. and Shirley Steere
	19	Ruth Ann Metthe	Robert H. and Shirley L. Campbell
	19	Susan Grace Messier	Elie and Maureen Clain
Nov.	14	Baby Boy Votolato	Vincent, Jr. and Geraldine T. Sullivan
Dec.	29	Brian James Moriarty	John J. and Jeannette Belliveau

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1956

Date of Marriage 1956		Names	Residence	By Whom and Where Married
Feb.	5	Donald Leo White	Mendon	Rev.E.Mastroiani
		Barbara Marcaruso	Worcester	Worcester, Mass.
	11	Daniel N. Barnes	Mendon	Rev. Hvezdon Kafka
		Shirley M. Steere	Mendon	Mendon
	11	Terrance D. Munhall	Mendon	Willard M. Blodgett
		Lois M. Groehler	Framingham	Fitzwilliam, N. H.
Mar.	3	Donald E. Coburn	Mendon	Rev. William C. Nelson
		Ethel J. Rogers	Mendon	Mendon
Apr.	14	Earl E. Taft	Hopedale	Rev. David B. Bronson
		E. M. Dianne Channing	Mendon	Milford
	22	John A. Leonard	Framingham	Rev. John J. Foley
		Jean Marie Capone	Milford	Mendon
June	2	Francis H. Pretty	Framingham	Rev. William C. Nelson
		Joyce Ann Twitchell	Mendon	Mendon
	16	Carl Adams	Bellingham	Rev. George Burgess
		Anne E. Watson	Mendon	Milford
	17	Harry B. Schaechter	Hartford	Rabbi Philip H. Reiss
		Ida Smith	Mendon	Mendon
	23	Joseph Alexander Merchant	Dennisport	Rev. Henry H. Weisbauer
		Elizabeth Key Ashkins	Mendon	Mendon
	23	Robert J. Dubois	Woonsocket	Rev. Charles M. Mitchell
		Beverly Joan Rocks	Mendon	Woonsocket, R. I.
	23	Robert K. Pierce	Natick	Rev. Albert R. Phillips
		Helen Ann Hamilton	Mendon	Natick
	30	Everett Charles	Holliston	Rev. Joseph A. Herner
		Martha F. Carlson	Mendon	Mendon
July	14	John F. Murphy	Milford	Rev. John P. Farnon
		Frances C. Nelson	Mendon	Milford
Aug.	3	William Edwin Robinson	Foxboro	George F. Campbell,N.P.
		Eun'ce M. Gill	Mendon	Norfolk
Sept.	3	Earl Leigh Nelson	Mendon	Rev. Martin J. Manahan
		Helen Theresa Boone	Milford	Milford
	8	John E. Quirk	Mendon	Rev. Raymond DallaPorta
		Doris Guidi	Milford	Milford
	8	Maurice H. Lamothe	Mendon	Rev. Gerald F. Donovan
		Janet Marie Clement	Millis	Millis
	22	James Shea	Mendon	Rev. Joseph W. Beach
		Alice B. Mele	Worcester	Worcester, Mass.
	22	Louis J. Geneseo	Mendon	Rev. Martin J. Manahan
		Barbara Racine	Milford	Milford
Oct.	6	Wilbur Blair	Milford	Rev. Joseph A. Herner
		Anna Mathilda Carlson	Mendon	Milford
	6	George D. Martin	Monrovia Cal.	Rev. Stanley R. Welch
		Iris B. Rogers	Mendon	Mendon
	13	Edwin L. Miller	Hopedale	Rev. James Hutchinson
		Viola B. Miller	Mendon	Hopedale

	20	Alfred N. Closson, Jr.	Mendon	Rev. Nichol. C. Manikas
		Barbara Mitsea	Framingham	Marlboro
	27	Joseph M. Taxiera	Mendon	Rev. John H. Shannon
		Ruth Janet Page	Upton	Upton
Nov.	17	George L. Morgan, Jr.	Natick	Rev. John J. Foley
		Barbara A. Carr	Mendon	Mendon
	24	Roger O. Ducharme	Woonsocket	Rev. Lloyd A. Duren
		Judith L. Miller	Mendon	Mendon
Dec.	29	Richard C. V. Alward	Mendon	Rev. John F. Broderick
		Beverly A. Godin	Bellingham	No Bellingham

DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1956

Date of Death 1956	Name	Age			Cause of Death	
		Y	M	D		
Jan. 19	Baby Boy Houlihan	—	—	—	Stillborn	
Feb. 12	Philias Manseau	69	—	15	Chronic Myocarditis	
25	Charles David Bagg	87	1	28	Terminal Pulmonary Edema	
Mar. 4	Herbert Allan Alger	66	7	2	Chronic Myocarditis	
23	Lawrence S. Maher	63	2	27	Cancer of Kidney	
Apr. 6	Annie Elizabeth Kingsley Barnes	73	5	22	Cerebral hemorrhage	
8	Elliott Gunnar Halsing	30	9	8	Asticytoma	
16	Louis Jacob Wiersma	75	1	6	Arteriosclerosis	
16	Mary Ann Moores	86	6	27	Cerebral hemorrhage	
June 4	Louis A. Leoncini	67	2	—	Gangrenous appendicitis	
July 4	William A. Curliss	64	7	1	Uremia	
6	Thomas Holland	71	3	29	Adenocarcinoma of Stomach	
17	Albert Kearsley	80	5	2	Congestive heart failure	
21	William Austin Elliott	65	—	22	Carcinoma of colon	
26	Ernest Benton Nason	77	8	5	Acute congestive failure	
Aug. 9	Inez A. Daniels	85	11	9	Chronic Myocarditis	
Sept. 11	James F. Reilly	81	2	7	Cerebral hemorrhage	

Oct.	2	James Howard Armstrong	59	1	—	Malignant Tumor of spine
	9	Edward Francis Coutu	43	6	8	Coronary Heart disease
	25	Sad'e Frances Hammond Closson	56	6	8	Cerebral Vascular hemorrhage
	28	Annie Carolyn Barton Coffin	74	4	17	Acute Coronary Thrombosis
	31	Marie Anita Fortier Morin	27	7	—	Erythema multiforme
Nov.	1	Mabel Metcalf Griffin	50	10	2	Carcinoma Metastasis
	14	Bay Boy Votolato	—	—	—	Bilateral atelectasis
Dec.	12	Andrew J. Byrne	70	0	20	Coronary Thrombosis
	25	Joseph DeCosta	89	11	17	Arteriosclerosis

SEVENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Trustees of the Taft Public Library submit the Report of the Librarian, the Financial Report, and Trustees' Report for the year ending December 31, 1956.

The redecoration of the interior of the Library has been the major project of the year. The ceiling and walls have been repaired and painted. The woodwork has been varnished, and the floor sanded and sealed. Some minor repair on basement windows and roof has been necessary.

The Trustees recommend the installation of storm windows on the building to improve the efficiency of the present heating system.

It is encouraging to note from the report of the Librarian that circulation of books and periodicals has increased during the past year. In order that the Library may be of greater service and convenience to the community, the Trustees have approved the opening of the Library on Monday afternoons in addition to the regular schedule.

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST P. WOOD

CHESTER F. FITZGERALD

PERCY L. ROWE

VESTELLA M. DANIELS

HENRY P. CLOUGH

1956 LIBRARY REPORT

To the Trustees of the Taft Public Library:

The circulation for the year (99 days) was 5902, an increase of 1279 over last year. The largest number given out in one day was 206, the smallest, 11; and the average, 59. Circulation by classes was as follows: fiction, 1838; Juvenile, 2386; magazines, 882; biography, 278; history and travel, 165; literature and fine arts, 83; science and useful arts, 160; all others, 110.

New books added to the Library by the Town, 45; by the Fletcher Fund, 71; by Anna Ellis Fund, 1; and by gift, 55, making a total of 172. Gifts of books were received from Mrs. Maude Clough, Miss Clara Pond, Mr. James Flanagan, Mrs. Mabel Griffin, Mr. Richard Harding, Mrs. Hazel Leonard and Mrs. Gertrude Lewis, for which we wish to express our thanks and appreciation. We also wish to acknowledge the gift of two books "The Whitin Family" and "The Swift Family" by E. Kent Swift of Whitinsville; "Massachusetts State Government", compiled by the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts, given by the Filene Foundation; "MacArthur: his rendezvous with history", given by Remington Rand Foundation, Inc.; "Speak to the Earth", by Max Miller, given by an Oil Co.; and "John D Rockefeller, Jr., a Portrait", given by his daughter.

Magazines available to readers are American Home, Atlantic Monthly, Better Homes and Gardens, Boys' Life, Colliers', Good Housekeeping, Ladies' Home Journal, McCall's, National Geographic, Popular Mechanics, Readers' Digest, Red Book, Saturday Evening Post, Time and Woman's Home Companion.

Fines collected and turned over to the town treasurer, \$28.83.

The interior of the Library was completely redecorated in the spring, making it bright and attractive. All the books were removed from the shelves, the shelves cleaned, and the books replaced by the librarian and her assistant. Miss Marjorie Vear has given excellent service as high school assistant.

A Story Hour for the small children and a Reading Club, with the States of the U. S. A. as the subject, were well attended in the summer.

Two area meetings for librarians from Southern Worcester County were attended by the librarian. In April, the meeting was held at the Whitinsville Library; and in September, here at the Taft Public Library. Thirty were in attendance from twelve neighboring towns. Our guests, Miss Alice Cahill and Mrs. Alice Howard, from the Massachusetts Division of Public Libraries, conducted an all-day Reference Workshop which was most helpful. A luncheon was served in the Town Hall by the ladies of the Evening Alliance; and it was a most successful affair.

Art Week was observed by an exhibit of paintings by two local artists, Miss Jane Coleman and Mrs. Doris Daniels Cox.

During National Book Week, a display of fifty new books was arranged in cooperation with the Mendon PTA, in a store window in the Sabatinelli Block.

Open House was held at the Library in the evening of November 26th, when our guest of honor was Mrs. Lena George, a former librarian and trustee of this library for many years.

From October to December, the librarian attended a nine-week lecture course in "The Library as an Information Center" at the Town Library in Framingham. Mrs. Maude Clough kindly substituted for the librarian on these Thursday evenings. This course was planned under the direction of the Massachusetts Division of Library Extension.

May we thank the trustees and town officials for their cooperation and support, and the townspeople for their increased interest.

Respectfully submitted,

VESTELLA M. DANIELS,

Librarian

TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY — FINANCIAL REPORT

Appropriation	\$1,650.00	
Transfer from Reserve Fund	62.36	
Total Appropriation and Transfer		\$1,712.36
Expended:		
Wor. Co. Elect. Co.	\$36.00	
Barney Coal Co.	232.46	
Campbell and Hall, Inc.	92.66	
H. W. Wilson Co.	32.60	
American Library Assn.	6.00	
Bro. Dart Industries	7.25	
Gaylord Brothers	12.55	
C. C. Shattuck	3.48	
Jacques Hardware Co.	6.00	
Jordan Marsh Co.	24.95	
Vestella M. Daniels	34.00	
Samuel Mitchell	13.80	
Goldberger Agency, Inc.	43.95	
Raymond Dudley, Janitor	100.00	
Vestella M. Daniels, Librarian	300.00	
Carlton Goss	66.66	
Otis L. Clark Co.	700.00	
Total		\$1,712.36

FLETCHER FUND

Campbell and Hall, Inc.	\$171.57
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ANNA ELLIS FUND

Campbell and Hall, Inc.	\$18.00
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ANNUAL REPORTS

of the

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

and

SUPERINTENDENT of SCHOOLS

of the

TOWN OF MENDON

MASSACHUSETTS

for the

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1956

SCHOOL DIRECTORY 1955-1956**School Committee**

Harry C. York	Term Expires 1959
Gordon R. Good, Sec.	Term Expires 1957
Harry C. York	Term Expires 1859

Regular meetings are held at the High School building on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30 P. M.

Superintendent of Schools

PERCY L. ROWE, Boston Univ., B. S. E., Ed. M.

The Superintendent may be met every Tuesday and Wednesday at the Mendon High School or by appointment.
Office — Center School Bellingham Center Tel. Milford 3725
Office Hours—4:00 P. M. to 5 P. M. on School days

School Physician

Ronald Lukert, M. D. Tel. Milford 3045

School Nurse

Grace Moran, R. N. Milford Dist. Nursing Assn.

School Custodian

William Hazard Mendon, Mass.

Transportation Agents

Harold C. Barrows	Mendon, Mass.
Harold Barrows, Jr.	Mendon, Mass.

Attendance Officer

William D. Rondeau Mendon, Mass.

TEACHERS

Name	Subject or Grade	Preparation	Degrees or Years	Years in Town
Henry P. Clough, Principal	Mathematics French, Social Science	Dartmouth College and New Hampshire University	B. S.	Twenty-ninth
Raymond F. Biedrzycki	Mathematics, Science	Rhode Island State	B. S.	Eleventh
Irene P. Smith	Commercial Ed.	Regis College	A. B.	First
Anne K. Davenport	Home Economics Social Science	University of Mass.	B. S.	First
Arlene C. Maroney	English, Latin	Worcester State Teachers College	B. S.	First
Catherine Whelen	Grade 6	Boston University	A. B.	Third
Margaret Hubert	Grade 5	Framingham State Teachers Col.	Two	Fourth
E. Jane Coleman	Grade 4	Mass. School of Art	B. S. E.	Fifth
Margaret C. Duren	Grade 3	Syracuse University	A. B.	Third
Grace Hutchinson	Grade 2	Framingham State Teachers Col.	Two	Eighteenth
Lucille A. Rab'doux	Grade 1	Perry Kindergarten Normal R. I. College of Ed.	Two One	First
Howard C. Llewellyn, (Armed Ser.)	Commercial Ed.	Salem State Teachers College	B. S. E.	Second
Mildred White (Resigned)	Home Economics Social Science	Framingham State Teachers Col.	B. S. E.	Fourth

Doris O'Neill (Resigned)	English, Latin	Worcester State Teachers College	B. S. E.	Eighth
Lillian Pennington (Resigned)	Grade 1	R. I. Colleg of Ed.	B. E.	Second

SUPERVISORS

Name	Subject	Preparation	Degrees or Years	Years in Town
William L. Rinehart	Handwriting	University of Pittsburgh	A. M.	Ninth
Christine Wilson	Music	N. E. Conservatory of Music	Three	Ninth
Marjorie K. Weed	Art	Cleveland Institute of Art	Four	First

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR PERIOD

January, 1957 to June, 1958

Open**Close****High School**

January 2, 1957	February 15, 1957
February 25, 1957	April 12, 1957
April 22, 1957	June 21, 1957

Summer Vacation

September 4, 1957	December 20, 1957
January 2, 1958	February 21, 1958
March 3, 1958	April 18, 1958
April 28, 1958	June 20, 1958

Elementary Schools

Same as High School except:

Close June 14, 1957

Close June 13, 1958

School Not In Session

Memorial Day Observance, May 30, 1957

Teachers' Convention Day, November 1, 1957

Veterans Day Observance, November 11, 1957

Thanksgiving Recess, November 28-29, 1957

AGE OF ADMISSION TO SCHOOL

Any child who becomes six years of age on or before January first of the year following the term when he wishes to enter school may be admitted into the first grade, but in every case the admission of a child under six shall be dependent upon the fitness of the child to profit by the work of the school, such fitness to be determined by the superintendent. Pupils under seven years of age who have not previously attended school shall not be permitted to enter later than thirty days after the opening of school in September of any school year.

SCHOOL REGULATIONS

Any complaint or representation which any person desires to make shall be presented or referred in writing to the superintendent of schools, who, in his discretion may bring it before the school committee. In cases of discipline or other school matters relating to their children, parents shall first discuss the matter with the teacher concerned. If for some reason they are not satisfied they will further discuss the matter with the following persons, if necessary, and in the following order: first, the principal of the building and then the superintendent of schools. If, finally, the superintendent has been unable to satisfy the parents, he shall report the case to the school committee for consideration and action.

THE NO SCHOOL SIGNAL

It is the policy of the school officials to practically abandon the use of the "no school" signal on account of weather conditions. This is in line with what many other cities and towns are doing. The reason for so doing is that much confusion has resulted from the use of the "no school" signal, and the realization that the loss of even one school day is a very serious one.

However, there may be days when it is advisable to close schools on account of severe weather conditions or any other emergency.

Arrangements have been made with Radio Station WNAC, WBZ, WWON, WNRI, and WMOO to broadcast the fact whenever it is necessary to close the schools. The "no school" signals are usually given before, during, or immediately after the news program. The siren will also blow three blasts twice at 7:30 A. M.

If schools do not close on any particularly bad day (rain, snow, or cold) parents are requested, and urged, to use their own judgment in sending their children to school.

SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT

RECEIPTS

General Appropriation	\$72,628.72	
Dog Tax, 1956	512.28	
Total Receipts		\$73,141.00
Total Expenditures	\$72,846.90	
Unexpended Balance		\$294.10

REIMBURSEMENTS

State Aid	\$15,708.46	
All School Transportation	10,673.18	
Superintendent: Salary-Transportation	1,493.31	
State Wards: Tuition, Transportation	982.17	
Vocational Education	970.75	
Tuition	636.88	
Total Reimbursements		\$30,464.75

TAXATION COST OF SCHOOLS

Total Expenditures	\$72,846.90	
Reimbursements	30,464.75	
Net Cost by Taxation		\$42,382.15

EXPENDITURES

School Committee Expense	\$62.00
Superintendent's Salary	2,879.97
Superintendent's Secretary Salary	911.94
Superintendent's Expense	318.45
Supervisors' Salaries	1,641.52
Teachers' Salaries	38,022.58
Textbooks	1,301.88
School Supplies	1,259.26
Wages of Janitor	3,166.56
Fuel	1,910.99
Janitor Supplies	875.03
Telephone	163.95
Electricity	628.02
Labor	32.00
Advertising	15.75
Post Office Box Rent	3.04
Commissioner of Public Safety	10.00
Replacements	438.62
Trash Removal	20.20
Repairs	3,746.43
Library	6.00
Health	927.73
Transportation	12,844.18
Driver Education Program	465.68
New Equipment	1,037.06
School Lunch Program	158.06
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	\$72,846.90

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the citizens of Mendon the School Committee makes the following report:

Resignations were accepted this past year from Mrs. O'Neill, high school English teacher, Mrs. White home economics teacher, Mrs. Pennington, first grade teacher, and Mrs. Weed, art teacher.

Mr. Llewellyn, the commercial teacher, was called into military service.

The committee has made adjustments in our teacher salary schedule so we are paying well for a small community. However, we continue to lose teachers for salary reasons and further adjustments will probably have to be considered as long as the current teacher shortage exists.

The painting program has been completed and the building and grounds are in excellent condition. The only major project to be completed is the recovering of the worn corridor floors.

The building is extremely overcrowded and action on one of the proposals to be submitted by the Regional and Building Needs Committee is essential.

We wish to express our appreciation to Superintendent Rowe, Mr. Clough, principal, and the teaching staff, for maintaining our high standards of education.

The effort of the cafeteria workers, custodian and transportation people has been outstanding this year.

Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER F. FITZGERALD, Ch.

HARRY C. YORK

GORDON R. GOOD, Sec.

Mendon School Committee

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee of Mendon:

Gentlemen:

It is with pleasure that I submit for your consideration my annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

During 1956 there were four changes in our school faculty. Resignations were received in the summer from Mrs. Doris O'Neill, Mrs. Lillian Pennington, and Mrs. Mildred White. These teachers all accepted much better paying positions in other towns. Mr. Howard Llewellyn was inducted into military service at the close of school in June. Miss Arlene Maroney, of Upton, replaced Mrs. O'Neill in the High School English Department. Mrs. Anne Davenport, of Mendon, took the place of Mrs. White in the Home Economics Department of the High School, and Miss Lucille Rabidoux, of Woonsocket, was engaged to replace Mrs. Pennington in grade one. Miss Irene Smith, of Slatersville, was engaged to fill the position in the High School Commercial Department left vacant by Mr. Llewellyn's induction into military service. In addition Mrs. Marjorie Weed, of Upton, was engaged to fill a vacant art position. It will be noted that three of the new teachers are at the junior-senior high school level with a total staff of five. This is a sixty percent teacher turnover and is very undesirable. Salary increases and adjustments made during the year should decrease the number of new teachers needed next year. All of our new teachers are intensely interested in their work and are doing an excellent job.

Our actual day to day classroom instruction has been maintained on a high level. This phase of our educational system is of the utmost importance as this is where practically all formal learning occurs. All of our teachers are doing a very fine job. Many new textbooks have been purchased. The entire school is well furnished with all teaching aids and supplies. Considerable new educational equipment has been obtained during the year, the most important of which are, record player, tape recorder, typewriters, transistor, home economics appliances and science equipment for physics and chemistry. For over a year it has been impossible to find an art supervisor to replace Miss Coleman who was appointed to be a regular classroom teacher. Last spring we were fortunate enough to learn of Mrs. Marjorie Weed, of Upton, who was interested in the position. Mrs. Weed is a graduate of the Cleveland School of Art. She was engaged and our drawing and art programs have again become very successful. Children are extremely interested and many have exceptional talent. A school savings program was inaugurated during the year with the cooperation of the Milford Federal Savings and Loan Association.

All of our elementary teachers in grades one to six attended a one day conference, or workshop, in the new elementary school in Upton in October. Teachers in the elementary schools of Grafton, Hopedale, Bellingham, Upton, Uxbridge and Northbridge also took part. The theme of the conference was "Improvement in Written Expression." Several of our teachers participated in the program. These conferences are very beneficial and helpful to our teachers. These conferences are held each year through the cooperation of the State Department of Education, Faculty of the Worcester State Teachers College and the Superintendents of Schools in the towns in the immediate vicinity. All

school personnel attended the meetings of the Worcester County Teachers Association the first Friday in November.

American Education Week was observed in November. An "open house" night was held one evening during the week. This gave an opportunity for all parents to visit the school and classrooms. There was an exhibition of actual school work of all pupils. Parents conferred with teachers in regard to their children's educational progress. An unusually large number of interested parents were in attendance. We are very grateful to Mrs. Dautrich and Mrs. Wright for their kindness in serving refreshments in the school cafeteria. Parents are cordially invited to visit the school and classes at any time convenient to them.

Each year in May registration days are held in order that each and every parent in town can register all children who are to enter school in September in grade one. This registration is becoming more and more important each year due to increasing enrollments. It is absolutely essential that the School Department know well in advance approximately how many first grade children to plan for at the opening of school in September, 1957. All parents are requested and urged to register all children who will enter grade one for the first time, next September.

A very important step was taken during the year in regard to the health program. Perfecting of the Salk polio vaccine made it possible to inoculate all persons in town from age six months through nineteen — also expectant mothers. Approximately 500 have received shots and almost all have received two shots. The third shots are to be given in January to all through age 14. Those in the fifteen through nineteen year age group will receive their third inoculations in March or April, well before the beginning of the 1957 polio season. All this has been a tremendous undertaking.

Many clinics have been held at the school building. All clinics were under the direction of Dr. Ronald Lukert, School Physician, assisted by the school nurses and members of the District Nursing Association. Many hours of work by many persons were necessary for the success of the entire program. The Board of Health, Dr. Lukert, all of the nurses of the District Nursing Association, and all of the directors, Principal, Mr. Clough, teachers, volunteer workers, newspapers, radio stations, parents and many others have done a splendid job in carrying out this project. Without the wonderful cooperation of all, this great task would not have been successful. All Mendon children who have received the shots should now be immune to this dread disease.

The greatest problem facing the School Department at the present time is that of continuously increasing school enrollment. The school building is now seriously overcrowded. Only eleven classrooms are available for all grades, one through twelve. Six of these rooms are used for grades 1-6, leaving 5 classrooms for use of the junior-senior high school pupils. Three of these five rooms are the science room, home economics room, and the commercial room. All are used every period for classes and frequently classes must be held in the cafeteria. There are no study rooms. Every regular class in grades 7-12 must also accommodate quite a number of study pupils which is very undesirable. Some of the classes are much too large. The third grade, for example, has 45 children. This is far too many for any one teacher. The class should be divided into two sections, but this cannot be done due to lack of space. The following table shows the actual enrollment from 1946 through 1956 and the predicted enrollment from 1957 through 1965.

MENDON SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Actual and Predicted Enrollment 1946-1965

Grades

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total	Grand Total
1946	19	21	25	18	29	20	(132)	41	16	21	15	11	11	(115)	247
1947	25	20	24	25	20	28	(142)	28	28	16	16	12	7	(107)	249 + 2
1948	32	21	18	22	22	20	(135)	27	27	23	12	13	12	(114)	249 same
1949	32	36	24	21	27	27	(167)	23	23	24	18	12	12	(112)	279 + 30
1950	28	38	36	27	24	24	(177)	33	19	19	22	16	11	(120)	297 + 18
1951	27	31	43	45	29	24	(199)	27	32	17	23	16	13	(128)	327 + 30
1952	39	35	28	42	39	30	(213)	21	22	28	14	19	17	(121)	334 + 7
1953	35	38	35	26	44	39	(217)	33	21	21	23	12	18	(128)	345 + 11
1954	39	38	37	36	25	43	(218)	37	29	19	16	20	11	(132)	350 + 5
1955	32	40	35	35	37	27	(206)	44	39	31	18	14	18	(164)	370 + 20

1956	37	33	42	28	34	34	(208)	30	36	36	28	15	13	(158)	366	-	4
1957	44	40	34	43	28	34	(223)	37	27	33	31	24	14	(166)	389	+	23
1958	51	47	41	35	43	28	(245)	37	33	25	29	26	22	(172)	417	+	28
1959	45	55	48	42	35	43	(268)	31	33	30	22	25	24	(165)	433	+	16
1960	52	48	57	49	42	35	(283)	47	28	30	26	19	23	(173)	456	+	23
1961	44	56	49	58	49	42	(298)	38	42	26	26	22	17	(171)	469	+	13
1962	41	47	58	50	59	49	(304)	46	34	39	23	22	20	(184)	488	+	19
1963	44	44	48	59	51	60	(306)	53	41	31	34	20	20	(199)	505	+	17
1964	48	47	45	49	60	52	(301)	65	47	33	27	29	18	(224)	525	+	20
1965	51	51	48	46	49	61	(306)	57	59	43	33	23	26	(241)	547	+	22

All figures as of October 1st

It could well be that September, 1957, one, and perhaps two, additional classrooms will be needed. This depends upon the size of the entering first grade and growth of existing classes. For example, take grade 3 which on October 1, 1956 had 42 pupils. in December this same grade had grown to 45. It is too big now and, if it further increases, will have to be divided. There are only three possible methods of providing for our expanding school population.

1. Double sessions.
2. Mendon building an elementary school.
school district.
3. Mendon joining a regional junior-senior high school district.

The first of these, double sessions, means some pupils going to forenoon class and other to afternoon class in the same building and same classrooms. It means a shortened school day for all children on the two-platoon system. There are many other undesirable features. Such a program should not even be considered.

Mendon could build its own elementary school. This would provide for all elementary children, leaving the present school building for junior-senior high school use.

The town could also join in a regional junior-senior high school district with any nearby town or towns. This would leave the present school building available for grades one to six. It would also provide a much better educational program for junior-senior high school pupils than the town could afford to pay for with its own enrollment at this level. Any solution will be costly. No one can speak for the State

School Building Assistance Commission, but it can be assumed that they would grant no financial assistance to Mendon to build its own high school or junior-senior high school. This is because of the small enrollment in the school which would make the cost per pupil of an adequate secondary program prohibitive. The State would pay 50% of the construction cost for an elementary school and 65% of the cost of a regional school, the town to pay all interest charges in either case.

The annual census and distribution of all minors between the ages of 5 and 16 was taken in October, 1956. All figures are as October 1, 1956. Figures shown in this table will not necessarily agree with the figures in the Age-Grade Enrollment Chart. The results of the October 1, 1956 census are as follows:

	5 yrs. or over and under 7	7 yrs. or over and under 16
Boys	40	162
Girls	34	158
	<hr/> 74	<hr/> 320
Distribution of minors		
In public school membership	40	295
In private school membership	1	25
Not enrolled in any school	33	
	<hr/> 74	<hr/> 320
Totals	74	320

Among the more important repairs and improvements made during the year other than usual routine repairs such as plumbing, heating, and electrical, are the following: replacement of worn window shades, improvements to grounds immediately in rear of school building, improvements to newly acquired land (tree removal, grading and smoothing),

repairs to tennis court, new stair treads and landings, roof repair, purchase of additional lunch room steel folding chairs, and extensive interior painting.

Among the items to be considered for the future improvement and development of our educational system would be the following: careful checking by the School Department and the school planning committees on future enrollment trends, flourescent lighting in classrooms, continued policy of keeping the building in first class repair, possibility of new roof on new part of school, repairs to grounds, modern individual movable desks and chairs for upper grade rooms and new floor covering in hallways.

In conclusion, I wish to express to you my sincere thanks for your efforts in making the school year a very successful one. The assistance of Principal Clough, teachers, supervisors, school physician, school nurse, townspeople, parents, and pupils is also deeply appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

PERCY L. ROWE,
Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

To Mr. Percy L. Rowe

Superintendent of Schools:

I herewith submit the annual report of Mendon High and Center School for the year ending December 31, 1956.

Enrollment figures for the entire building are very nearly the same as those of last year. The average room enrollment in the elementary grades, one through six is thirty-five. Grade three, however, with forty-five pupils is crowded. Enrollments in grades seven through twelve, with a total of one hundred sixty-one, show an increase of ten pupils in the senior high grades. Crowded conditions in the junior-senior high school are gradually approaching limits which cannot be exceeded without impairment of school efficiency, control, and accomplishment.

The graduation exercises of the Class of 1956 were held on the evening of June 20, 1956. The members of the graduating class were: Geraldine M. A. Alward, Edward D. Barnes, Henrietta M. Bison, Cornelius B. Bracco, Charmayne Dolores Channing, Jacqueline R. Corr, Gail J. Dudley, Jacquelyn S. Hamilton, Norman B. Handley, Frederick Gordon Harvey, Louise E. Lamothe, Joan E. Lundvall, Raymond A. Miller, Louis H. Morton, Frances E. Scott, Shirley C. Smith, Joan A. White, Eleanor M. Wills.

Twelve members of the class are continuing their education this year in schools and colleges of higher learning or technical training.

First place in scholarship was attained by Charmayne Dolores Channing who was also the winner of the Alumni Medal presented by the Mendon High School Alumni Association. Jacquelyn S. Hamilton was the winner of the American Legion Medal presented by the Roger L. Wood Post of the American Legion. Jean E. Lundvall was chosen to receive the Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate awarded by the Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Shirley C. Smith was elected by the high school student body to represent Mendon High School on Student Government Day at the State House in Boston.

Irving C. Dudley and Joy L. Murch, members of the Class of 1957, were named as delegates to the annual assemblies of Boys' and Girls' State.

The annual prize speaking program occurred April 6, 1956 at the Mendon Town Hall. The following pupils presented selections: Irving C. Dudley, Constance H. Hamilton, Donald P. Kimball, Mary F. Lamothe, Jean M. Maspelli, Joy L. Murch, Norma A. Phipps, Barbara E. Rogers, Barbara L. York.

Prize winners were Constance H. Hamilton, Barbara E. Rogers and Donald P. Kimball.

The Class of 1957 presented a three act play, Dear Diary, at the Town Hall on the evening of December 7, 1956. A musical entertainment under the direction of Miss Christine Wilson, Supervisor of Music, was presented March 16, 1956.

Substantial programs have been prepared and given for the benefit of the Mendon Parent-Teacher Association on several occasions by school pupils. These programs have in-

cluded Christmas entertainment, Senior Night, and a musicale by elementary pupils presented at the Mendon Town Hall on May 11, 1956 for the benefit of the Parent-Teacher Association Play School.

Driver Education was offered during the first half of the calendar year. Mr. Elmer C. Nelson, proprietor of the Nelson Motor Company of Milford, very generously made available a Buick car for the use of the driver education class. As of June 1, 1956, all pupils sixteen years of age, who wish to take advantage of the opportunity had received licenses to drive. The smaller number of eligible pupils who wish to enroll in the course during the current school year does not justify the renewal of the car training program before the early part of 1958.

The annual open house evening was held November 14, 1956 in connection with the observance of American Education Week. A large registration of visitors on that occasion indicated genuine interest on the part of parents in this plan of parent-teacher conference.

Perennially, the need persists for emphasis on study hours outside school time for all junior-senior high school pupils. No pupil can do satisfactory work who does not regularly devote home study to lesson preparation. There is not sufficient time in the day's schedule to allow for proper lesson preparation. Beginning in Grade Seven and continuing through Grade Twelve, every pupil should spend some time every day in home study. Almost without exception, poor high school records and subject failures can be explained in terms of lack of study. The practice of home study is desirable for all, and absolutely necessary for the pupil who hopes to attend college. It is wholly unrealistic and even ridiculous to aspire to a college education without a background acquired through a rigorous routine of home study.

A high school day increased in length by one full hour might be a desirable change. The added time in school would make possible longer class periods as well as study periods. A portion of each class period given over to supervised study should be helpful to all pupils.

Savings programs are in operation in all grades. Savings stamps continue in use in grades one through four. Since September 1956, grades five through twelve have had the opportunity to make weekly bank deposits through a plan sponsored by the Milford Federal Savings and Loan Association.

The school lunch program under the direction of Mrs. Louise Dautrich and assistant, Mrs. Thressa Wright, operates with continued excellence and efficiency. A relatively small number of very generous and willing mothers and friends continue to donate their time and effort to assist in the daily operation of the lunchroom. Their contribution is deeply appreciated.

Parents are cordially invited to visit school and to confer with teachers and principal at any time.

In conclusion, I wish to thank Mr. Percy L. Rowe, Superintendent of Schools, the School Committee, the Mendon Parent-Teacher Association, and the townspeople of Mendon for their cooperation and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY P. CLOUGH,

Principal

REPORT OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

December 21, 1956

Mendon School Department

Mendon

Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The following is my report of Mendon School work for 1956.

Toxoid Clinic opened March 29 and closed May 8.

11 children received the protective doses.

74 children received booster doses.

The annual physical examination of the school children in the fall showed the following defects:

Referred for dental evaluations	46
Enlarged tonsils	2
Wax in ears	3
Bronchial asthma	1
Otitis media	1
Dermatitis	1
Sebaceous cyst in ear	1
Wheezes in chest	1
Low arches	2

110 children were examined by Dr. Lukert.

On May 22, twenty-nine were vaccinated by Dr. Lukert. Eight polio clinics were held in the school: February 28, April 18, May 1, May 8, August 7, August 8, September 18, and October 23.

Respectfully submitted,

RONALD A. LUKERT., M. D.

MENDON SCHOOL NURSING REPORT

Mr. Percy L. Rowe

Superintendent of Schools

Mendon, Mass.

May we submit to you the Annual School Nursing Report for the year ending December, 1956.

Mendon School was visited Tuesday of each week when school was in session. Registration was held at the school on May 18th. Physical examinations of pupils in Grades 1, 4, 7 and 10 were done by Dr. Ronald Lukert, assisted by the nurses. Vision and hearing tests were completed on all grade pupils. Notices regarding defects were sent home to parents and guardians. Antigen clinics were held in Mendon School on March 29th, April 10th and May 8th. These clinics are held yearly in the spring. Any child three months of age or older are welcome. These injections protect children from whooping-cough, diphtheria and lockjaw.

A vaccination clinic was also conducted on May 22nd by Dr. Ronald Lukert, assisted by the school nurse. Twenty-nine children were vaccinated. This also is to be a yearly clinic and any children in Mendon will be welcome. All children were weighed, measured and inspected during the year. During the school year we were most fortunate that Mendon had no real epidemic of any kind. We had a few scattered cases of the usual children diseases, such as german measles and chicken pox. Colds and sore throats were prevalent at times. We did have one reported case of rheumatic fever and two cases of scarlet fever.

Eight polio clinics were conducted in the Mendon School, starting February 28th; and ending October 23rd. Dr. Ronald Lukert was in charge, assisted by the District Nursing staff, Board members of the Association and volunteer workers. Many hours of preparation were spent to make these clinics successful. We had the utmost cooperation from Dr. Lukert, the Board of Health, Mr. Rowe, Supt. of Schools, Mrs. York, his secretary, and Mr. Henry Clough, Principal of Mendon School. All were most helpful and I wish to extend my sincere thanks for the time and courtesy extended during the clinic season. It was a busy time for all workers; but, for such a worthy cause-helping to wipe out a vicious disease-time was of little consequence.

The following defects were found amongst the children examined by Dr. Lukert:-

Referred for dental evaluation	46
Enlarged tonsils	2
Wax in ears	3
Bronchial asthma	1
Otitis media	1
Dermatitis	1
Sebaceous cyst in ear	1
Wheezes in chest	1
Low arches	2

The following is a summary of the work done by the nurse in her visits to school:-

Inspection of pupils	531
Pupils inspected for disease	144
Pupils recommended for exclusion	14
Pupils and nurse conferences	79
Pupils treated for minor injuries	83
Nurse and teacher conferences	394
Home visits	34

In closing, may we express our thanks to Dr. Lukert, school physician, Mr. Rowe, Mr. Clough, and the teachers, for their courtesy and cooperation; to the school committee and town officials for their support, and to the parents for their cooperation and confidence.

Respectfully submitted,

GRACE MORAN, R. N.

REPORT OF MUSIC SUPERVISOR

To the Superintendent of Schools:

My. dear Mr. Rowe:

My format for teaching music in the Mendon Schools has been carried on this past year very much the same as in previous years. I would say that we have quite a bit of activity in the music department in Mendon. We have a fine roster of teachers in the Mendon Schools and in as much as my work depends a great deal upon the willingness and ability of the grade teachers, I am happy to report that in every case I have found them able and conscientious. The children are getting a thorough understanding of the subject and they realize that the voice exercises and drilling in theory, to which they are subject, have a very specific aim. However, I am still in the convincing stage with some of my Junior High people. I relentlessly insist that they will enjoy music if they have the ability to read it and some of them just as relentlessly refuse to try. However, the evident enjoyment that the majority of the youngsters get out of the music period, more than repays for the lack of spirit of a few.

Again, I want to thank you, Mr. Rowe, for your understanding, Mr. Clough for his "magic" presence and thoughtfulness, and all the teachers and members of the School Committee for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

CHRISTINE M. WILSON,
Supervisor of Music Education

REPORT OF ART SUPERVISOR

Mr. Percy L. Rowe
Superintendent of Schools
Mendon, Mass.
Dear Mr. Rowe:

The art program was added in the early spring in the Mendon school. Grades one through six worked with scissors, brushes, paper and clay to produce many exciting motifs. Again in September art was included in the busy schedule of the elementary children and classes for the junior high and high school were added.

The main purpose of this program was to teach the children to "see" and to acquaint them with the many wonderful things that can be made from almost anything. With paint, chalk and charcoal a new world of color was opened to them. Cloth, yarn bits of jewelry and scraps of ribbon were turned into people or interesting designs. We also tried to keep the talented few moving in search of better results.

I would like to thank the teachers for their wonderful help and cooperation. Without them all this would not have been possible.

Respectfully submitted,

MARJORIE WEED,
Art Supervisor

MENDON HIGH SCHOOL

PRIZE SPEAKING

FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 1956

"At the Employment Agency"	Harbour
Mary F. Lamothe	
"Helping Drive the Car"	Harbour
Norma A. Phipps	
"A Nation's Promise"	Dale
Donald P. Kimball	
"Dykes"	Greenlief
Irving C. Dudley	
"Mary Ellen's Star"	Black
Jean M. Mespelli	
"Skating Song"	Norlin
Grade Two Rhythm Band	
"For Jim"	Black
Joy L. Murch	
"Life is Bitter"	Parcher
Constance H. Hamilton	
"Daddy Doc"	Kimball
Barbara L. York	
"Mickey's Marker"	Black
Barbara E. Rogers	
"Soldier's March"	Schumann
Grade Two Rhythm Band	
Decision of Judges	

MENDON HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20th, 1956

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|---|------------------|
| Processional—Pomp and Circumstance | Elgar |
| Mrs. Bertha B. Rogers | |
| Invocation | |
| Rev. Hvezdon Kafka | |
| Salutatory and Essay—The Foreign Missionary | |
| As Our Ambassador of Goodwill | |
| Joan E. Lundvall | |
| Essay—A Healthier and Happier Life | |
| Shirley C. Smith | |
| Essay—Juvenile Delinquency | |
| Norman B. Handley | |
| Essay—College Education for Women | |
| Gail J. Dudley | |
| Song—My beautiful Lady | Caryll |
| High School Chorus | |
| Essay—Onward Into New Horizons | |
| Jacquelyn S. Hamilton | |
| Essay—The Ultimate Weapon | |
| Edward D. Barnes | |
| Essay—Women of Courage | |
| Frances E. Scott | |
| Essay—The History of Caps and Gowns | |
| Louis H. Morton | |
| Song—Bless This House | Taylor and Brahe |
| High School Chorus | |

Essay and Valedictory—Nursing, A Rewarding Profession
Charnayne Dolores Channing

Presentation of American Legion Award
Mr. Robert A. Brownly
Commander Roger L. Wood Post, A. L.

Presentation of Mendon Parent Teacher
Association Scholarship
Mr. Robert D. Robinson
President Mendon P. T. A.

Presentation of Awards and Diplomas
Mr. Chester F. FitzGerald
Chairman Mendon School Committee

Star Spangled Banner

Benediction
Rev. Hvezdon Kafka

Recessional—March Romaine
Mrs. Bertha B. Rogers

Gounod

CLASS OF 1956

Geraldine M. A. Alward	Frederick Gordon Harvey
Edward D. Barnes	Louise Edwina Lamothe
Henrietta Marie Bison	Joan Esther Lundvall
Cornelius B. Bracco	Raymond Arthur Miler, Jr.
Charmayne Dolores Channing	Jouis H. Morton
Jacqueline Rosemary Corr	Frances Elsie Scott
Gail Judith Dudley	Shirley Claire Smith
Charmayne Dolores Channing	Louis H. Morton
Norman Bradford Handley	Eleanor May Wills

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS |

Worcester, ss.

TO THE CONSTABLE of the TOWN of MENDON in the
COUNTY of WORCESTER, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of
Mendon qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs
to meet at the TOWN HALL

in said Mendon on Monday the Fourth day of MARCH
A. D. 1957 punctually at 9:00 o'clock A. M., to act on the
following articles, viz:

Article 1.

Article 2. and all following Articles on this Warrant
will be acted upon Friday, the 8th day of March at 7:00 P. M.

Article 1. To bring in their ballots for the following
Town Officers:

One Moderator for one year;

One Town Clerk for one year;

One Selectman for three years;

One Assessor for three years;

One Constable for one year;

One Tree Warden for one year;

One Trustee of the Taft Public Library
for two years;

One Member of the School Committee
for three years;

One Park Commissioner for three years;

One Highway Surveyor for one year;

all on one ballot, designating the office intended for each person.

Article 2. To hear the reports of the several Town Officers and Committees and act thereon.

Article 3. To chose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 4. To appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town expenses for the financial year beginning January 1, 1957.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow a sum of money not to exceed \$25,000 in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1957 and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year and to renew any note or notes as may be given for the period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds

in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 7. To see if the Town will appropriate any sum of money for the operation and repairs of Town machinery, a part or whole to be taken from the Road Machinery Fund, or take any action in relation to the same.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated Available Funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highways Maintenance, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to transfer from unappropriated Available Funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highways Construction, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 10. To see what action the Town will take regarding any legal proceedings that may be brought against or by the Town.

Article 11. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell any or all real estate owned by the Town by reason of the foreclosure of Tax Title thereon and to execute, acknowledge and deliver a proper deed or deeds therefor, authority therefor to terminate March 3, 1958, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the dog license refund from Worcester County in 1957 to be used for general school expenses in 1957, or take any action in relation to the same.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$5,000 from unappropriated Available Funds

in the treasury to the Stabilization Fund, provided authority is granted by a Special Act of Legislature to increase the Stabilization Fund, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$600 from the unexpended balance in the 1954 appropriation for Taft Avenue Construction to pay for land damage caused by the North Avenue drainage project on property owned by Clayton Parkinson, or take any action in relation to same.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 for widening and repairs on Park and Pleasants, Streets ,or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for the improvement of Morey Street or take any action in relation to the same.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a side-walk snowplow, or take any action regarding same.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to accept a road laid out by Eastman and Corbett, Civil Engineers, said road running southerly from Millville Street a distance of 433 feet, to be known as Myrtle Street, or take any action in relation to the same.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to accept that portion of the old State Highway abandoned by the Commonwealth and situated at the entrance of Park Street and running East and West to the new State Highway known as Route No. 16, said road to be known as Nipmuc Drive, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to **raise and appropriate** the sum of \$500 for fire hose, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200 for Civilian Defense, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$350 for the purpose of installing new ceiling lights in the lower Town Hall or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to accept the legacy from the estate of Inez A. Daniels, to be designated "The Marcena and Harriet E. Pierce Daniels Fund", the income therefrom used and applied to the benefit of needy residents of Mendon in such manner and to such individuals as the Board of Public Welfare shall determine, or take any action in relation to the same.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the following unexpended balances to the Excess and Deficiency Account:

School Playground	\$11.62
Bates Street Water Extension	90.22
Cape Road Water Extension	1,386.28

or take any other action in relation thereto..

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to discharge the Regional School District Planning Committee, said committee having been appointed under Article 21 of the Town of Mendon annual Town Warrant for the year 1956, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Moderator to appoint a three member Regional School District Planning Committee consisting of at least one member of the School Committee, to study the advisability of establishing a regional school district as set forth in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 71, Sections 14 to 161 inclusive with any amendments thereto or take any other action thereon.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$175 to be used by the Regional District Planning Committee for necessary expenses of said Committee or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150 to be used by the Mendon School Planning Committee for necessary expenses of said Committee or take any action in relation thereto.

POLLS WILL CLOSE AT 6:00 P. M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in said Mendon and causing a copy to be published once in the Milford Daily News, a newspaper published in Milford, Mass., both said posting and publication to be at least seven days before the time of meeting hereby ordered to be held.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk of said town before the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Mendon, this 28th day of January A. D. 1957.

ERNEST P. WOOD
HAROLD METCALF
ROBERT P. CONGDON

Selectmen of Mendon

A true copy, attest:

WILLIAM D. RONDEAU,
Constable of Mendon

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Article 4.

	1956 Appro- priation	1956 transfers	1956 Expend- tures	1957 Recommen- dations
Moderator Salary	\$25.00	\$-----	\$25.00	\$25.00
Selectmen's Salaries	700.00	-----	700.00	700.00
Selectmen's Expense	250.00	-----	154.95	250.00
Treasurer's Salary	700.00	-----	700.00	700.00
Treasurer's Expense	275.00	-----	230.26	275.00
Tax Title Foreclosure	36.00	-----	-----	36.00
Town Accountant's Salary	500.00	-----	500.00	500.00
Town Accountant's Expense	50.00	4.66	54.66	50.00
Town Clerk's Salary	250.00	-----	250.00	250.00
Town Clerk's Expense	375.00	-----	267.08	350.00
Tax Collector's Salary	925.00	-----	925.00	925.00
Tax Collector's Expense	250.00	-----	249.76	275.00
Assessor's Salaries	700.00	-----	700.00	700.00
Assessor's Expenses	300.00	-----	1,407.53	600.00
Elections and Registrations	1,200.00	207.53	228.46	300.00
Town Counsel Salary	100.00	-----	100.00	100.00
Town Counsel Expense	75.00	-----	75.00	75.00
Clerical Hire—Town Officers	350.00	-----	336.50	350.00

Town Hall Maintenance	900.00	-----	868.87	900.00
Town Officers Bonds	257.75	-----	257.75	393.50
Record Room Maintenance	600.00	-----	632.48	600.00
Heat and Lights—Town Bldgs.	2,750.00	-----	2,424.39	2,500.00
Constable's Salary	25.00	-----	25.00	25.00
Police Department	3,912.00	-----	3,909.56	3,912.00
Fire Department	2,070.00	-----	2,010.05	2,070.00
Forest Fires	500.00	-----	466.25	500.00
Dog Officer	125.00	-----	78.75	200.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	60.00	-----	60.00	65.00
Wiring Inspector	80.00	-----	80.00	80.00
Board of Health	2,250.00	-----	2,230.61	2,250.00
Tree Warden	900.00	-----	900.00	1,200.00
Insect Pest Control	652.00	-----	652.00	700.00
Dutch Elm Disease Control	500.00	-----	500.00	600.00
Inspector of Animals	150.00	-----	150.00	150.00
Inspector of Slaughtering	25.00	-----	25.00	25.00
General Repairs—Highways	2,200.00	-----	2,172.35	2,500.00
Snow Removal	12,000.00	-----	955.76	12,000.00
Street Lighting	756.00	-----	756.00	947.34
Public Welfare Salaries	45.00	-----	45.00	45.00
Public Welfare—Temporary Aid	6,000.00	-----	5,946.92	7,000.00
Admin. O.A.A., D.A. and A.D.C.	1,200.00	-----	1,200.00	1,335.00

Aid to Dependent Children	1,500.00	-----	455.20	1,500.00
Old Age Assistance	22,000.00	-----	22,000.00	22,000.00
Veterans' Benefits	3,500.00	-----	1,692.44	3,500.00
Admin. Veterans' Benefits	200.00	-----	200.00	200.00
School Department	73,141.00	-----	72,846.90	77,837.03
Vocational Education	2,700.00	-----	1,607.77	2,200.00
Taft Public Library	1,650.00	62.36	1,712.36	1,400.00
Park Department	350.	14.08	364.08	450.00
Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves	30.00	-----	30.00	50.00
Water Department Maint.	1,200.00	-----	723.82	751.00
Memorial Day Observance	225.00	-----	224.70	225.00
Insurance on Town Buildings	2,393.05	-----	2,393.05	2,518.40
Town Reports	693.00	-----	693.00	-----
Reserve Fund	2,000.00	-----	1,374.39	2,000.00
Maturing Debt	2,000.00	-----	2,000.00	2,000.00
Interest on Maturing Debt	348.75	-----	348.75	303.75
Interest on Temporary Loans	200.00	18.75	218.75	350.00
Worcester County Retirement Fund	1,226.18	-----	1,226.18	1,720.55

Article 6. Approved Appropriation \$3,700; Transfer \$10,175, Chapter 81.

Article 7. Approved Transfer \$2,000.

Article 8. Approved Appropriation \$1,500; Transfer \$3,000, Chapter 90 Maintenance.

Article 9. Approved Transfer \$12,000, Chapter 90 Construction.

Article 12. Approved \$573.97 to School Department.

Article 13. Approved Transfer \$5,000.

Article 14. Approved Transfer \$600.

Article 15. Approved Appropriation \$3,000.

Article 16. Approved Appropriation \$500.

Article 17. Not Approved.

Article 20. Approved Appropriation \$500.

Article 21. Approved Appropriation \$200.

Article 22. Approved Appropriation \$350.

Article 24. Approved.

Article 27. Approved Appropriation \$175.

Article 28. Approved Appropriation \$150.

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of the

TOWN OFFICERS

of the

TOWN OF MENDON

including the report of the

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

for the

MUNICIPAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1957

291st ANNUAL REPORT

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1958

TOWN OF MENDON

Town of Mendon Incorporated May 15, 1667

Population 1905, 1955 Census

Registered Voters in 1957, 1073

Annual Election: First Monday in March

Annual Meeting:

First Friday Evening after the First Monday in March

County Commissioners:

Francis E. Cassidy, Chairman	Webster
Edward P. Bird	Fitchburg
Joseph A. Aspero	Worcester

Fourteenth Congressional District:

Congressman, Joseph William Martin, Jr.
North Attleboro

Fourth Senatorial District:

Joseph E. Gibney
Webster

Eighth Worcester Representative District:

Representatives General Court:

Charles Mullaly, Jr.	Millville
Charles E. Luke Driscoll	Northbridge

Sheriff for Worcester County:

William A. Bennett
Worcester

TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

Roy A. Barrows

Selectmen

Harold Metcalf	Term expires 1958
Robert P. Congdon	Term expires 1959
Ernest P. Wood	Term expires 1960

Board of Public Welfare

Board of Health and Fence Viewers

Harold Metcalf	Robert P. Congdon	Ernest P. Wood
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Town Clerk

Albert S. Coleman

Town Treasurer

Charles F. Leonard	Term expires 1958
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Tax Collector

Arthur P. Dalton	Term expires 1958
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Assessors

Donald B. Lowell	Term expires 1958
Carl M. Taft, Clerk	Term expires 1959
D. Kinsley Barnes	Term expires 1960

School Committee

*Chester F. FitzGerald	Term expires 1958
Harry C. York	Term expires 1959
Gordon R. Good	Term expires 1960

*Resigned 4/26/57. Philip W. Harding appointed to fill unexpired term.

Superintendent of Schools

Percy L. Rowe

Trustees of Taft Public Library

Vestella M. Daniels	Term expires 1958
Henry P. Clough, Secretary	Term expires 1960
Harold Metcalf Percy L. Rowe Harry C. York	

Water Commissioners

Donato F. Leone	Term expires 1958
M. Morton Goodnow	Term expires 1959
Clarence E. Varney	Term expires 1960

Park Commissioners

William D. Rondeau	Term expires 1958
Fred R. Phipps	Term expires 1959
George E. Johnson	Term expires 1960

Tree Warden and Moth Superintendent

William E. Nuttall

Highway Surveyor

William R. Bowen

Constable

William D. Rondeau

Officers Appointed by the Selectmen

Chief of Police	William D. Rondeau
Town Counsel	Shelley D. Vincent
Dog Officer	William D. Rondeau
Wiring Inspector	Walter J. Channing
Sealer of Weights and Measures	William D. Rondeau
Fire Chief and Forest Warden	William F. Irons
Superintendent of Streets	William R. Bowen
Burial Agent	Norrry J. Daige
Custodian of	
Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves	Richard F. Harding
Inspector of Slaughtering	Willard N. Seibert
Inspector of Animals	Roy A. Barrows
Town Accountant Helen F. Irons	Term expires 1959
Surveyor of Wood and Bark	Athur V. Pond
Veterans' Agent	Philip W. Harding

Registrars of Voters

Edward T. Powers	Term expires 1958
Asa B. Vear	Term expires 1959
Joseph W. McEwen	Term expires 1960
Albert S. Coleman, Clerk	

Finance Committee

George C. Cadman	Term expires 1958
Roy A. Barrows	Term expires 1959
Lee P. McFarland	Term expires 1960

Forest Committee

Charles F. Leonard	Term expires 1958
Harold F. Lowell	Term expires 1959
Norry J. Daige	Term expires 1960

Field Drivers

Alex Woleck	W. Arthur Robinson
Edward Goss	

Caucus Committee

Henry B. Twitchell	George P. Hutchinson
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FINANCIAL REPORTS

SELECTMEN — SALARIES

Appropriation	\$	700.00
Expended:		
Harold Metcalf	\$	283.33
Robert P. Congdon		200.00
Ernest P. Wood		216.67
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Total expended:		700.00

SELECTMEN — EXPENSES

Appropriation	\$	250 00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		2.91
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Total	\$	252.91
Expended:		
State & County Dues	\$	21 00
Forbes Press		20 00
Taft Printing Co.		98.00
Hobbs & Warren, Inc.		17.01
Cahill's News Agy.		5.15
P. O. Lock Box		4.40
Postage		6.00
Advertising		27.70
Traveling expenses		30 00
Selectmen's Meeting		23.65
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Total expended:	\$	252.91

TREASURER — EXPENSES

Appropriation		\$	275.00
Expended:			
State Ass'n. Dues	\$	2.00	
Forbes Press		9.00	
Hobbs & Warren, Inc.		3.58	
Cahill's News Agy.		48.01	
Certification of Note		2.00	
Public Service Pub.		10.42	
Seaver's Express, Inc.		2.00	
Stamped Envelopes		79 46	
Schedule A.		15.00	
Use of Car		36.00	
Total expended	\$	207.47	
Unexpended:		67 53	
			\$ 275.00

TOWN ACCOUNTANT — EXPENSES

Appropriation		\$	50.00
Expended:			
Mass. Division of Accts.	\$	29.43	
Taft Printing Co.		9.00	
Total Expended:	\$	38.43	
Unexpended:		11.57	
			\$ 50.00

TOWN CLERK — EXPENSES

Appropriation	\$	350 00	
Transfer from Reserve Fund		45.29	
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Total	\$		395.29
Expended:			
Dues & Exp. — State			
and County Meetings	\$	103.32	
Swearing in Town Officers ..		10 75	
Recording Fees		88.00	
Advertising		5.20	
Toll Calls		10.15	
Stationery and Postage		39.95	
Cahill's News Agy.		3.60	
Palley Office Supply		48.00	
Mimeograph Dist. Inc.		27.35	
Clarke Printing Co.		9.00	
Hobbs & Warren Inc.		6 05	
Moving Town property		20.00	
Miscellaneous supplies		23.92	
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Total expended:	\$		395.29

TAX COLLECTOR — EXPENSES

Appropriation	\$	275.00	
Expended:			
Cahill's News Agy.	\$	2.25	
Barre Gazette		78.41	
Brookside Print Shop		2.00	
Forbes Press		18.75	
Hobbs & Warren Inc.		20.03	
Advertising		7.20	

Use of car	25.00	
Postage	93 00	
Deputy's Bond	5 00	
State Ass'n. Dues	2.00	
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Total expended:	\$ 253.64	
Unexpended:	21.36	
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	\$	275.00

ASSESSORS — SALARIES

Appropriation		\$ 700.00
Expended:		
Donald B. Lowell	\$ 200.00	
D. Kinsley Barnes	200.00	
Carl M. Taft, Clerk	300.00	
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Total Expended:	\$	700.00

ASSESSORS — EXPENSES

Appropriation		\$ 300.00
Expended:		
Cahill's News Agy.	\$ 14.95	
Hobbs & Warren Inc.	35.83	
Postage	5.00	
Tax Tables	1.00	
Deed Abstracts	79.20	
State & County Dues	9 00	
Use of Cars	20.00	
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Total Expended:	164 98	
Unexpended:	135.02	
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	\$	300.00

ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS

Appropriation	\$	600.00	
Transfer from Reserve Fund		116.08	
Total			\$ 716.08
Expended:			
Election Pay Roll	\$	87.50	
Spec. Town Meeting		60.00	
Chilson's Radio Service		25.00	
Registrars' Salaries		140.00	
Street Listing		240 25	
Upton Mimeograph Ser.		46.50	
Clarke Printing Co.		53.25	
Advertising		63.58	
Total Expended:			\$ 716.08

CLERICAL HIRE FOR TOWN OFFICERS

Appropriation	\$	350.00	
Expended:			
Helen F. Irons	\$	350.00	

TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	\$	900.00	
Expended:			
Mass. Correctional Inst.	\$	16.96	
Wm. H. Casey Store		23.01	
Hopedale Coal & Ice Co.		19.14	
E. T. Powers		90.20	

C. L. Goss	36.00	
C. C. Shattuck	14.84	
Sub. Propane Gas Corp.	35 57	
Raymond Dudley, Janitor	460.00	
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Total Expended:	\$	715.72
Unexpended:		184.28
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		\$ 900.00

RECORD ROOM MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		\$ 600.00
Expended:		
Carrie Marlow, Janitor	\$	50.00
Sub. Propane Gas Corp.		257.61
Worc. Co. Elec. Co.		13.70
Telephone		15 05
Royal Type. Co.		19.20
Cahill's News Agy.		6.48
John Ingham, Labor		10.00
C. C. Shattuck		1.26
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Total Expended:	\$	373.30
Unexpended:		226.70
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		\$ 600.00

HEAT AND LIGHTS — TOWN BUILDINGS

Appropriation		\$ 2,500.00
Expended:		
E. T. Powers	\$	23 50
Worc. Co. Elec. Co.		209.72

H. J. Shaughnessy	476.68	
Clark-Shaughnessy Inc.	1,276.86	
Boiler Inspection	10.00	
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Total Expended	\$ 1,996.76	
Unexpended:	503.24	
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		\$ 2,500.00

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation \$ 3,912.00

Expended:

Salaries:

William D. Rondeau	\$ 714.98
Harold Metcalf	449.26
Philip W. Harding	351.85
Harold Barrows, Jr.	438.93
Norry J. Daige	197.66
Raymond Rogers	74.81
Paul Tyler	371.07
E. John Magliocca	13.13
Thomas Stevens	163.75
William Hazard	35.00
Mileage	864.46
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	196.35
Mendon Auto Salvage	3.00
Forbes Press	34.50
Nick Toches	2.00
Cahill's News Agy.	1.25

Total Expended	\$ 3,912.00
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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$ 2,070.00	
Transfer from Reserve Fund	1,050.00	
Refund	10.00	
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Total		\$ 3,130.00
Expended:		
Salary of Chief	\$ 100.00	
Pay Rolls	424.86	
W. H. Gibbons, Ins.	178.50	
Jesse White	5.00	
Mendon Gulf Ser.	116.69	
Walter Butler, Jr.	21.60	
Comm. of Mass., port. pump	280.00	
William Grow, tank truck	875.00	
Fire Engineering	6.00	
Inter. City Mgr. Ass'n.	7.50	
C. C. Shattuck	3.09	
Arthur Sibley	6.75	
Mendon Texaco Sta.	14.35	
O'Grady's Service Sta.	10.18	
Chas. H. Clougherty Co.	44.69	
Niro & Niro	15.00	
Carrie Marlow	50.00	
Lakeside Garage	486.12	
Worc. Co. Elec. Co.	30.00	
L. N. Jaques & Sons	12.80	
Farrar Co.	85.45	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	254.55	
N. E. Fire Chiefs' Ass'n.	3.00	
Mendon Auto Salvage	98.65	
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Total Expended:	\$ 3,129.78	
Unexpended:22	
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		\$ 3,130.00

FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$	500.00	
Transfer from Reserve Fund		300.00	
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Total	\$		800.00
Expended:			
Wm. F. Irons, Warden	\$	25.00	
Pay Rolls		774.39	
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Total Expended	\$	799.39	
Unexpended:61	
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	\$		800.00

DOG OFFICER

Appropriation	\$	200.00	
Expended:			
Wm. D. Rondeau, Salary			
and use of car	\$	35.00	
Boarding 20 dogs and			
destroying 15		139.00	
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Total Expended:	\$	174.00	
Unexpended:		26.00	
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	\$		200.00

CIVILIAN DEFENSE

Balance January 1, 1957	\$.93	
Appropriation March 1957		200.00	
Sale of Monitor		20.00	
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	\$		220.93

Expended:

L. A. Young Spring & Wire	\$	8.55
Mendon L. R. Y., printing		5 00
Pay Roll		54.00

Total Expended:		67.55
Balance December 31, 1957		153.38

\$ 220.93

BOARD OF HEALTH

Appropriation \$ 2,250.00

Expended:

C. L. Goss	\$	58.32
Comm. of Mass.		10.00
M. M. Goodnow Co.		34.88
District Nurse Ass'n.		136.00
A. H. Sweet Co., Inc.		85.00
Ronald Lukert, M.D.		105.00
Ingham's Sign Shop		4.00
James Ferrucci, rent for dump		1,000.00
Highway Dept., Labor		227 20

Total Expended:	\$	1,660.40
Unexpended:		589.60

\$ 2,250.00

DUTCH ELM DISEASE CONTROL

Appropriation \$ 600.00

Expended:

Mist Blower Ground Spray	\$	450.00
Poison Ivy Spray		150.00

Total Expended: \$ 600.00

INSECT PEST CONTROL

Appropriation	\$	700.00
Expended:		
William Nuttall, Salary and Labor	\$	50.25
Aerial Spraying		649.75
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Total Expended:	\$	700.00

TREE WARDEN

Appropriation	\$	1,200.00
Expended:		
William Nuttall, Salary	\$	12.00
Labor:		
William Nuttall		379 15
Harold Metcalf		258.10
George Hutchinson		312.46
George Blanchard		135.00
Linwood Mathewson		10.00
Clayton Wright		9.00
Clifford Mathewson		14.50
Herbert Wood, Jr.		49.30
Forbes Press		9.00
Jesse White		1 50
Mendon Gulf Station		9.99
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Total Expended:	\$	1,200.00

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

General Repairs

Appropriation	\$ 2,500.00
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Expended:

Labor	\$ 1,869.65
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	137.70
Rosenfeld Sand & Stone Co.	17.89
C. C. Shattuck	21.91
State & Co. Supt. Ass'n.	7.00
Norman I. Rogers	9.00
Clark-Shaughnessy, Inc.	10.18
Mendon Auto Salvage	23.75
Henry Bouchard	3.95
Medway Block Co.	30.95
Lakeside Garage	9.50
Trimount Bit. Products Co.	64 56
Wm. H. Casey Store	32.19
Corbett Concrete Pipe Co.	30.00
Hopedale Coal & Ice Co.	30.67
C. L. Goss	40.88
Gob Shops	1.90
Franklin Paint Co.	20.60
Petrometal Industries	10.29
Files Equipment Co.	116.18

Total expended	\$ 2,488.75
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Unexpended:	11.25
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\$ 2,500.00

Mowry Street Improvement

Appropriation	\$ 500.00
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Expended:

Labor	\$ 147.20
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Town Equipment	50.00	
Hired Equipment	140.00	
Upton Fuel & Const. Co.	162.00	
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Total expended:	\$ 499 20	
Unexpended:80	
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		\$ 500.00

Park and Pleasant Street Repairs

Appropriation		\$ 3,000.00
Expended:		
Labor	\$ 801.20	
Town Equipment	503.80	
Hired Equipment	736.70	
Norman Rogers	209.00	
Roland Temple	36.51	
Corbett Concrete Pipe Co.	388.80	
Upton Fuel & Const. Co.	89.70	
Trimount Bit. Products Co.	210.95	
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Total expended:	\$ 2,981.66	
Unexpended:	18.34	
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		\$ 3,000.00

Snow Removal

Appropriation		\$ 12,000.00
Expended:		
Labor	\$ 2,473.92	
Town Equipment	1,182.40	
Hired Equipment	2,020.50	
Rosenfeld Sand & Stone Co. ..	1,325.65	

Inter. Salt Co.	642.00
Santucci's Trkg. Co.	2 88
Dyar Sales & Mach. Co.	130.00
Mendon Auto Salvage	12.65
Concord Woodworking Co.	56.27
Lakeside Garage	55.25
Gar Wood	166.16
Alfred Auty	26 50
E. F. Edson Co., Inc.	684.00
Sandberg Equip. Co.	2,115.82
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Total expended:	\$ 10,894.00
Unexpended:	1,106.00
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	\$ 12,000.00

Chapter 81

Appropriation	\$ 3,700.00
State Allotment	10,175.00
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Total	\$ 13,875.00
Expended:	
Labor	\$ 5,857.80
Town Equipment	1,740.00
Hired Equipment	705.65
H. A. Daniels Ins.	312.44
Roland Temple	12.25
Rosenfeld Sand & Stone Co.	1,099.74
Trimount Bit. Products	3,510.92
Upton Fuel & Const. Co.	635.95
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Total expended:	\$ 13,874.75
Unexpended:25
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	\$ 13,875.00

Chapter 90 Maintenance

Town Appropriation	\$ 1,500.00	
State Allotment	1,500.00	
County Allotment	1,500.00	
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Total		\$ 4,500.00
Expended:		
Labor	\$ 460.00	
Town Equipment	295.60	
Hired Equipment	553.00	
Trimount Bit. Products	2,331 87	
Rosenfeld Sand & Stone Co.	834.35	
H. A. Daniels Ins.	24.56	
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Total expended:	\$ 4,499.38	
Unexpended:62	
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		\$ 4,500.00

Chapter 90 Construction — 1956

January 1, 1957, unexpended balance		
in 1956 appropriation		\$ 6,337.04
Expended in 1957:		
Labor	\$ 1,689.85	
Town Equipment	619.20	
Hired Equipment	1,252 90	
Southeastern Const. Co.	58.74	
E. L. LeBaron Foundry Co.	92 60	
Upton Fuel & Const. Co.	488.30	
Corbett Concrete Pipe Co.	1,937.36	
Medway Block Co.	95.75	

Roland Temple	11.26	
H. A. Daniels Co.	90.24	
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Total expended:	\$ 6,336 20	
Unexpended:84	
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		\$ 6,337.04

Chapter 90 Construction — 1957

Town Appropriation	\$ 3,000.00	
State Allotment	6,000.00	
County Allotment	3,000.00	
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Total		\$ 12,000.00
Expended:		
Labor	\$ 2,241.05	
Town Equipment	681.60	
Hired Equipment	2,098.15	
Upton Fuel & Const. Co.	4,439.16	
Medway Block Co.	128.75	
Rosenfeld Sand & Stone Co.	369.58	
Corbett Concrete Pipe Co.	248.80	
H. A. Daniels Co.	119.03	
Clark-Shaughnessy, Inc.	9.98	
H. M. Curtiss Coal Co.	15.50	
Trimount Bit. Products Co.	1,647.95	
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Total expended:	\$ 11,999.55	
Unexpended:45	
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		\$ 12,000.00

Road Machinery — Maintenance and Repairs

Transfer from Road Mach. Fund	\$ 2,000.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund	76.86
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Total	\$ 2,076.86

Expended:

Lakeside Garage	\$ 247.22
Mendon Gulf Sta.	386.50
H. A. Daniels Co.	115 17
Donald B. Lowell	85.46
Karl Bright Ins. Agy.	119.25
Donald Crosby	49.35
F. Frabotta & Sons	42.51
Vin's Gulf Sta.	5.60
Mendon Texaco Sta.	440.33
Jesse White	35 85
Registry of Motor Vehicles	15.00
Files Equip. Co.	220.00
O'Grady Ser. Sta	95.32
Mendon Auto Salvage	214.30
Norman I. Rogers	5.00
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Total Expended	\$ 2,076.86
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Highway Dump Truck — 1956

January 1, 1957, unexpended balance	\$ 176.25
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Expended:

H. M. Curtiss Coal Co.	\$ 6.72
F. Frabotta & Sons	40.00
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Total expended:	\$ 46.72
Unexpended:	129.53
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\$ 176.25

Road Machinery Fund

January 1, 1957, balance	\$ 2,349.45
Paid to Town Treasurer for use of equipment:	
Park and Pleasant St. Repairs \$	508.80
Snow Removal	1,182.40
Mowry St. Improvement	50.00
Chapter 81	1,740 00
Chapter 90 Maint.	295.60
Chapter 90 Const., 1956	619.20
Chapter 90 Const., 1957	681.60
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Total Receipts	\$ 5,077.60
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Total receipts and balance	\$ 7,427.05
Transfers:	
To Highway Maint. and Repairs	3,000.00
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Balance in Road Machinery Fund Dec. 31, 1957	\$ 4,427.05

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE — SALARIES

Appropriation	\$ 45.00
Expended:	
Harold Metcalf	\$ 15.00
Ernest P. Wood	15 00
Robert P. Congdon	15.00
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Total Expended:	\$ 45.00

PUBLIC WELFARE — TEMPORARY AID

Appropriation		\$ 7,000.00
Expended:		
Cash Aid	\$ 1,287.94	
Maintenance	873.11	
Medical Care	651.91	
Hospitalization	919.89	
Town of Kingston	19.82	
Town of Blackstone	78 97	
Town of Uxbridge	135.00	
Town of Foxborough	1,065.22	
City of Worcester	334.40	
Disability Assistance	223.70	
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Total Expended:	\$ 5,539 96	
Unexpended:	1,410 04	
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		\$ 7,000.00

Cases aided 13; persons aided 40.

Proportionate share of above
expenditures:

Chargeable to State of Mass.	\$ 2,298.55
Chargeable to State and Fed. Gov't. for Disability Assistance	167.78
Town of Mendon's share	3,123.63
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	\$ 5,589.96

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Appropriation	\$ 1,500.00	
Federal Grants	280.00	
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Total Available		\$ 1,780 00
Unexpended:		\$ 1,780.00

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE — FEDERAL GRANT

January 1, 1957 Balance	\$ 111.19	
Federal Grants received in 1957	496.60	
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Total Available		\$ 607.79
Expended:		
Direct Aid, 1 person	\$ 564.66	
Unexpended	43.13	
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		\$ 607.79
Proportionate share of above expenditures:		
Chargeable to State		
and Fed. Gov't.	\$ 423.50	
Mendon's share	141.16	
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	\$ 564.66	

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Town Appropriation	\$ 22,000.00	
Federal Grants	16,048.77	
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Total Available		\$ 38,048.77

Expended:

Direct Aid, 35 cases	\$ 32,994.90
Town of Blackstone, 2 cases	329 42
Town of Milford, 1 case	19.26
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Total Expended:	\$ 33,343.58
Unexpended:	4,705.19
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\$ 38,048.77

Proportionate share of above expenditures:

Chargeable to Fed. Gov't.	\$ 14,165.42
Chargeable to State of Mass.	14,429.61
Chargeable to City of Worcester	3.15
Chargeable to Town of Milford	31.40
Mendon's Share	4,714.00
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	\$ 33,343.58

ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Appropriation	\$ 1,335 00
Federal Grants received in 1957	1,043.48
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Total Available \$ 2,378.48

Expended:

Salaries	\$ 1,935.00
Travel Expense	24.16
Postage	49.00

Supplies	18.98	
Telephone	129.10	
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Total Expended:	\$ 2,156.24	
Unexpended:	222.24	
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		\$ 2,378.48
Proportionate share of above expenditures:		
Chargeable to Fed. Gov't.	\$ 901.62	
Chargeable to State of Mass.	11.53	
Mendon's Share	1,243.09	
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		\$ 2,156.24

VETERANS' BENEFITS

Appropriation		\$ 3,500.00
Expended:		
Cash Aid	\$ 902.00	
Provisions	117.00	
Fuel	102.99	
Medical Care	169.25	
Ambulance and transportation	220.00	
Town of Kingston	49.98	
Postage and Supplies	15.00	
County Ass'n. Dues	5.00	
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Total Expended:	\$ 1,581.22	
Unexpended:	1,918.78	
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		\$ 3,500.00

Cases aided, 12; persons aided, 26.

Proportionate share of above expenditures:

State of Mass.	\$ 818.22
Mendon's Share	763.00
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	\$ 1,581.22

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Appropriation	\$ 2,200.00
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Expended:

Tuition:

Town of Framingham	\$ 14.40
Milford School Dept.	30.00
Norfolk Co. Agr. School ..	500.00
City of Worcester	902.56

Transportation:

Carlstrom Bus Lines	256.75
Clayton Parkinson	72.00
Wm. Dalton, Jr.	17.60
Shirley Kreson	31 50

Total Expended:	\$ 1,824.81
Unexpended:	375.19
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\$ 2,200.00

SPECIAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Balance January 1, 1957	\$ 724.29
Revenue from Meals	8,141.23
State Reimbursements	3,077.32
Returned Check	4 89
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Total Available	\$ 11,947.73
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Expended:

Salaries	\$ 3,147.00	
Food Supplies	8,253.16	
Equipment	86.05	
Express Charges	191.64	
Clerical	18.00	
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Total Expended:	\$ 11,695.85	
Balance Dec. 31, 1957	251.88	
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		\$ 11,947.73

PARK DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		\$ 450.00
Expended:		
Labor:		
Fred Phipps	\$ 30.00	
George Johnson	132.50	
R. E. Thomas	55 00	
Clayton Parkinson	21.00	
Lakeside Flower Shop	19.00	
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Total Expended:	\$ 257.50	
Unexpended:	192.50	
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		\$ 450.00

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

Appropriation	\$ 225.00	
Transfer from Reserve Fund	29.34	
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		\$ 254.34
Expended:		
D. C. Ryan, Band	\$ 175.00	

Flags	15.36
Stanley Gardner	29.00
C. C. Shattuck	34.98

Total Expended:	\$	254.34
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TOWN REPORTS

Appropriation	\$	808.80
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Expended:

Arrow Printing Co.	\$	700.00
Delivery of Reports		30.00

Total Expended:	\$	730.00
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Unexpended:		78.80
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	\$	808.80
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RESERVE FUND

Appropriation	\$	2,000.00
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Transfers:

To Selectmen's Expense	\$	2.91
To Town Clerk's Expense		45.29
To Town Counsel's Expense		31.55
To Elections and		
Registrations		116.08
To Fire Dept.		1,050.00
To Forest Fire Dept.		300.00
To Memorial Day		
Observance		29.34
To Road Machinery Account		76.86

Total Transferred:	\$	1,652.03
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Unexpended:		347.97
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	\$	2,000.00
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REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT

December 31, 1957

RECEIPTS

General Revenue

Taxes:

Current Year:

Poll	\$ 966.00
Personal Property	7,262.50
Real Estate	90,281.67
Motor Vehicle Excise	17,286.87
Farm Animal Excise	272.08

Previous Years:

Personal Property	586.66
Real Estate	5,427.33
Motor Vehicle Excise	7,418.79

From the State:

Corporation Tax	8,170.80
Income Tax	2,633.07
O.A.A. Meal Tax	878.60
Licenses and Permits	809 50
Court Fines	85.00
Certification of Municipal Liens	4.00

Grants and Gifts:

From Federal Government:

Old Age Assistance, Aid	\$ 14,101.93
Old Age Assistance, Adm.	842.63
Aid to Dependent Children, Adm.	12.45
Disability Assistance, Aid	496 60
Disability Assistance, Adm.	35.22

From State:

School Aid, Chapter 70	15,708.46
School Superintendents	1,493.33
Vocational Education	830.82
School Transportation	11,279.98
Tuition State Wards	1,090.46
Inspector of Animals	75.00

Highways:

Chapter 81, 1956 Contract	5,214.65
Chapter 90, Maint., 1956	1,199.89
Chapter 90, Constr., 1956	5,999.58

From County:

Highways:

Chapter 90, Maint., 1956	1,199.89
Chapter 90, Maint., 1957	1,499.79
Chapter 90, Constr., 1956	2,999.79
Dog License Refund	573.97
Dog Officer's Account	168.75

Commercial Revenue

Town Hall Rent	412.25
Wire Inspections	62.00
Sealer's Fees	20 00
Sale of Town Maps	4.00
Sale of Town Annals	8.00
Rent of Fire Tower Land	50.00

Highways:

Truck and Machinery Rental ..	5,077.60
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Charities:

Temporary Aid:

From the State	2,153.82
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Aid to Dependent Children:

From the State	75.60
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Disability Assistance:

From the State	142.19
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Old Age Assistance:	
From the State	13,979.63
From Cities and Towns	155.60
From Individuals	117.94
Veterans' Benefits:	
From the State	750.72
Schools:	
Military Ser. Pension Fund	57.07
No. Smithfield, Tuition	554.58
School Lunch Revenue	11,223.44
Library Fines	18.79
Water Dept. Revenue	2,027.31
Interest:	
Thayer Cemetery Fund	5.00
Deferred Taxes	270.88
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	66.61

Agency, Trust and Investment

Town Clerk, Dog License Fees	747.85
Trust Fund Income	143.71
Federal Withholding Taxes	9,684.25
Worcester Co., Retirement Fund	1,460.11
Installation of Water Services	485.99

Refunds

Collector's Bond	37.50
Town Hall Damages	36.00
Insurance Rebate	21.94
Advertising	3.75
Civilian Defense Refund	20.00
Toll Calls	11.10

Total Receipts	\$256,791.29
Balance January 1, 1957	50,168.25
	\$306,959.54

EXPENDITURES

General Government

Moderator's Salary	\$ 25.00
Selectmen's Salaries	700.00
Selectmen's Expense	252.91
Town Accountant's Salary	500.00
Town Accountant's Expense	38.43
Treasurer's Salary	700.00
Treasurer's Expense	207.47
Collector's Salary	925.00
Collector's Expense	253.64
Assessors' Salaries	700.00
Assessors' Expense	164.98
Town Counsel's Salary	100.00
Town Counsel's Expense	106.55
Town Clerk's Salary	250.00
Town Clerk's Expense	395.29
Elections and Registration	716.08
Clerical Hire — Town Officers	350.00
Bonds for Town Officers	305.75
Town Hall Maintenance	715.72
Record Room Maintenance	373.30
Heat and Lights — Town Bldgs.	1,996.76

Protection of Persons and Property

Constable's Salary	25.00
Police Department	3,912.00
Fire Department	3,129.78
Wire Inspector	80.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	62.84
Insect Pest Control	700.00
Dutch Elm Disease Control	600.00
Tree Warden	1,200.00
Forest Fires	799.39

Dog Officer	174.00
Civilian Defense	67.55
Fire Hose	500.00

Health and Sanitation

Board of Health	1,660.40
Worcester County Hospital	1,806.47
Inspector of Animals	150.00
Inspector of Slaughtering	25.00

Highways

General Repairs	2,488.75
Highway Machinery Maintenance	2,076.86
Snow Removal	10,894.00
Chapter 81	13,874.75
Chapter 90 Maintenance	4,499.38
Chapter 90 Construction (1956)	6,336.20
Chapter 90 Construction (1957)	11,999.55
Mowry Street Improvement	499.20
Park and Pleasant Street	2,981.66
Land Damage, No. Avenue	600.00
Sidewalk Plow	1,000.00
Street Lighting	944.50
1956 Dump Truck	46.72

Charities

Public Welfare Salaries	45.00
General Relief	5,589.96
Disability Asst., Federal Grant	564.66
Old Age Assistance	33,343.58
Adm. of Public Assistance	2,156.24
Veterans' Benefits	1,581.22
Adm. of Veterans' Benefits	200.00

School and Library

School Department	77,966.66
Vocational Education	1,824.81
School Lunch Program	11,695.85
Regional School District	
Planning Comm.	109.52
Mendon School Planning Comm.	131.90
Taft Public Library	1,389.47

Unclassified

Park Department	257.50
Memorial Day Observance	254.34
Annuity Fund	500.00
Insurance Town Buildings	2,518.40
Worcester Co. Retirement Fund	1,720.55
Town Report	730.00
Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves	50.00

Public Service Enterprise

Water Department Maintenance	1,039.27
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Interest

School House Note	22.50
Water Construction Note	281.25

Municipal Indebtedness

School House Loan	1,000.00
Water Construction Loan	1,000.00
State Parks and Reservations	551.54

Agency, Trust and Investment

County Tax	6,909.14
Dog Licenses for County	747.85
Austin Fletcher Library Fund	143.71
Federal Withholding Taxes	9,684.25
Worcester Co. Retirement Deduc.	1,460.11
Stabilization Fund	5,000.00

Refunds

1956 Real Estate Taxes	96.00
1956 Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	231.49
1957 Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	548.18

Total Expenditures	\$254,255.83
Balance December 31, 1957	52,703.71

\$306,959.54

HELEN F. IRONS

Town Accountant

TOWN OF MENDON

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1957

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets		Liabilities and Reserves	
Cash:		Excess—Sales of Lands	\$
General	\$ 52,703.71	of Low Value	\$ 69.63
Accounts Receivable:		Thayer Cemetery Fund	
Taxes:		Income	30.06
Levy of 1956:		Old Age Assistance Recoveries	45.82
Personal Property \$ 231.84		Federal Grants:	9
Real Estate 2,518.25		Disability Assistance:	
Levy of 1957:		Administration \$ 35.28	
Personal Property 140.50		Assistance 43.13	
Real Estate 7,216.83		Aid to Depend. Child:	
		Administration 13.31	
		Assistance 280.00	
	10,107.42	Old Age Assistance:	
Motor Vehicle & Trailer		Administration 173.65	
Excise:			
Levy of 1957	5,256.18		

Farm Animal Excise:					
Levy of 1957				Assistance	4,705.19
Tax Titles	\$ 52.74			School Lunch Program	\$ 5,250.56
Tax Possessions	53.87			Appropriation Balances:	251.88
				Revenue:	
Departmental:			106.61	General	2,782.95
Town Hall	\$ 141.50			Overestimates 1957:	
Veterans' Services	530.72			County Hospital	237.85
				Assessment	700.00
Water			672.22	Sale of Real Estate Fund	40
Aid to Highways:			206.66	Receipts Reserved for	
State:				Appropriations:	
Chapter 81	\$10,175.00			Road Machinery	4,427.05
Chapter 90: Mainten.	1,500.00			Reserve Fund—	
Chapter 90: Constr.	6,000.00			Overlay Surplus	5,996.46
County:				Overlays Reserved for	
Chapter 90: Constr.	3,000.00			Abatements:	
				Levy of 1956	\$ 386.81
				Levy of 1957	248.50
			\$ 20,675.00		\$ 635.31

Unprovided for or Overdrawn
Accounts:

Underestimates 1957:

State Parks and Reservations	\$ 25.35
County Tax	405.82
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\$ 431.17

Revenue Reserved Until

Collected:

Motor Vehicle and Trail- er Excise	\$ 5,256.18
Farm Animal Excise ..	35.75
Tax Title and Possession ..	106.61
Departmental	672.22
Water	206.66
Aid to Highways	20,675.00
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\$ 26,952.42
42,814.73

Surplus Revenue

\$ 90,194.72

\$ 90,194.72

DEBIT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:
 Outside Debt Limit:
 Public Service Enterprises

\$ 12,000.00

\$ 12,000.00

Outside Debt Limit:
 Public Service Enterprise:
 Water

\$ 12,000.00

\$ 12,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds:
 Cash and Securities:
 In Custody of Treasurer

\$ 58,717.38

Austin Wood Relief Fund \$ 1,304.70
 Nathan R. George Relief Fund 1,442.45
 Marcena and Harriet E. Pierce
 Daniels Fund 2,689.69
 Anna Ellis Library Fund 650.36
 Austin B. Fletcher Library Fund 5,353.05
 Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds 240.76
 Post-War Rehabilitation Fund 1,388.70
 Stabilization Fund 45,647.67

\$ 58,717.38

\$ 58,717.38

HELEN F. IRONS,
 Town Accountant.

LIST OF JURORS

Charles W. Arrand	Taft Avenue	Clerk
Arthur Bethel	Cape Road	Printer
Louis Bozzini	Maple Street	Salesman
Emily L. Coleman	Providence Street	Housewife
Mildred T. Goss	Maple Street	Housewife
Edna M. Grant	North Avenue	Clerk
George L. Hadley	Washington Street	Writer
Edward G. Harvey	Taft Avenue	Steamfitter
Richard P. Hoberg	Providence Street	Chauffeur
Everett J. Kempton	Hartford Ave. West	Foreman
Dorothy I. Kimball	Cape Road	Assembler
Berneta M. Lowell	Hastings Street	Secretary
Kenneth D. Morgan	North Ave. Tel. Line Assignee	
Leonard M. Rogers	North Ave. Research Engineer	
Marjorie H. Shattuck	Elm Street	Housewife
Barbara E. Taft	Main Street	Clerk
Helen B. Taylor	Emerson Street	Housewife
Salvatore Tinio	Milford Street	Molder
Ernest P. Wood	Hartford Av. West	Tool Maker
Edna F. Young	Kinsley Lane	Housewife

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

January 1, 1957 to December 31, 1957

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1957	\$ 50,168.25	
Receipts for year 1957	256,791.29	
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		\$306,959.54
Paid per Selectmen's Warrants	\$254,255.83	
Cash balance, December 31, 1957	52,703.71	
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		\$306,959.54
Balance on hand, Dec. 31, 1957		\$ 52,703.71
In the Milford Nat. Bank	\$ 64,605.65	
Less uncashed checks as of		
December 31, 1957	11,901.94	
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		\$ 52,703.71

(See Town Accountant's Report for Detail
of Receipts and Expenditures.)

TRUST FUND REPORTS—DECEMBER 31, 1957 AUSTIN WOOD RELIEF FUND

Balance January 1, 1957	\$ 1,266 43	
Income during 1957	38.27	
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Balance December 31, 1957	\$ 1,304.70	

POST-WAR REHABILITATION FUND

Balance January 1, 1957	\$ 1,351.11
Income during 1957	37.59

Balance, December 31, 1957	\$ 1,388.70
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STABILIZATION FUND

Balance January 1, 1957	\$ 39,433.95
Deposited during 1957	5,000.00
Income during 1957	1,213.00

Balance December 31, 1957	\$ 45,647.67
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ANNIE ELLIS LIBRARY FUND

Balance January 1, 1957	\$ 649.29
Income during 1957	19.07

Total	\$ 668.36
Withdrawn during 1957	18.00

Balance December 31, 1957	\$ 650.36
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NATHAN R. GEORGE, JR., RELIEF FUND

Balance January 1, 1957	\$ 1,400.13
Income during 1957	42.32

Balance December 31, 1957	\$ 1,442.45
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AUSTIN B. FLETCHER LIBRARY FUND

Balance January 1, 1957	\$ 5,336.14
Income during 1957	160.62

Total	\$ 5,496.76
Withdrawn during 1957	143.71

Balance December 31, 1957	\$5,353.05
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ANNIE E. GASKILL LOT — BICKNELL CEMETERY

Balance January 1, 1957	116.87	
Income during 1957	3.51	
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Balance December 31, 1957	\$	120.38

JOSEPH S. COX, JOSEPH BATES AND JOHN S. COX
LOTS — BICKNELL CEMETERY

Balance January 1, 1957	\$	116.87
Income during 1957		3.51
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Balance December 31, 1957	\$	120.38

During the year 1957 the 20th and final note on our present Schoolhouse was paid, leaving Mendon without debt with the exception of \$12,000 in Water Notes, which should be self liquidating. The voters of Mendon, by adding \$5,000 to the Stabilization Fund each year, have built up a backlog of over \$45,000. This amount, plus our surplus revenue, puts Mendon in a substantial and enviable position financially.

CHARLES F. LEONARD
Treasurer.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

1957

1955 Personal Property Taxes

DR.

Taxes Outstanding Jan. 1, 1957 \$ 55.30

Interest 3.42

\$ 58.72

CR.

Paid Treasurer \$ 58.72

Uncollected00

\$ 58.72

1955 Real Estate Taxes

DR.

Taxes Outstanding Jan. 1, 1957 \$ 1,327.87

Interest 74.73

\$ 1,402.60

CR.

Paid Treasurer \$ 1,402.60

Uncollected00

\$ 1,402.60

1956 Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes

DR.

Taxes outstanding Jan. 1, 1957

and including Commitments

of Jan. 10th, Jan. 30th, Feb. 8th

and March 15, 1957 \$ 8,190.18

Interest 49.92

\$ 8,240.10

CR.

Paid Treasurer	\$ 7,468.71
Abated	771.39
Uncollected .....	.00

\$ 8,240.10

1956 Personal Property Taxes

DR.

Taxes Outstanding Jan. 1, 1957	\$ 763.20
Interest	17.08

\$ 780.28

CR.

Paid Treasurer	\$ 548.44
Uncollected	231.84

\$ 780.28

1956 Real Estate Taxes

DR.

Taxes Outstanding Jan. 1, 1957	\$ 6,656.11
Interest	127.79

\$ 6,783.90

CR.

Paid Treasurer	\$ 4,227.25
Abated	38.40
Uncollected	2,518.25

\$ 6,783.90

1957 Poll Taxes

DR.

Taxes Committed	\$ 1,174 00
Interest	2.18
Charges and Fees	19.25

\$ 1,195.43

CR.

Paid Treasurer	\$ 987.43
Abated	208.00
Uncollected .....	.00

\$ 1,195.43

1957 Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes

DR.

Total Taxes Committed	\$22,958.53
Interest	16.69

\$22,975.22

CR.

Paid Treasurer	\$17,303.56
Abated	409.77
Uncollected	5,261.89

\$22,975.22

1957 Animal Excise Taxes

DR.

Taxes Committed	\$ 307.83
Interest .....	.00

\$ 307.83

CR.

Paid Treasurer	\$ 272.08
Uncollected	35.75

\$ 307.83

1957 Personal Property Taxes

DR.

Taxes Committed	\$ 7,511.50
Interest18

\$ 7,511.68

CR.		
Paid Treasurer	\$ 7,262 68	
Abated	108.50	
Uncollected	140.50	
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		\$ 7,511.68
1957 Real Estate Taxes		
DR.		
Taxes Committed	\$99,933.50	
Interest	26.25	
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		\$99,959.75
CR.		
Paid Treasurer	\$90,307.92	
Abated	2,435.00	
Uncollected	7,216.83	
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		\$99,959.75
Taxes Refunded in 1957		
1956 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	\$ 231.49	
1956 Real Estate Taxes	96.00	
1957 Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes ..	548.18	
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		\$ 875.67
Received for Municipal Liens		
Paid Treasurer	\$ 4.00	
Refund on 1955 Bond	\$ 37.50	
Paid Treasurer	\$ 37.50	

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR P. DALTON,

Collector of Taxes.

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit to you the following report for the year ending December 31, 1957.

Assault with a Dangerous Weapon	3
Disturbances	3
Acts of Vandalism	3
Breaks	12
Complaints	102
Assault and Battery	3
Attempted Assault	2
Armed Robbery	1
Cars reported stolen	1
Assistance to Out of Town Police	11
Persons Reported Missing	1
Accidents (Prop. Damage in Excess of \$200)	33
Accidents (Prop. Damage under \$200)	13
Fatal Accidents	1
Total Accidents Reported	50
Personal Injuries Reported in 25 out of 50 Accidents	
Residents of Town Involved in (in town) Accidents ...	15
Other Property Damage Incidents Reported	5
Bicycles Registered	17
Hit and Run Accidents	3
Licenses Recommended Suspended	25
Registrations Recommended Suspended	1
Tags Issued for Defective Equipment	36

Parking Tags Issued	13
Pistol Permits Issued	26
Permits Issued to Purchase	3
Arrests	8
Summons Served for Out of Town Police	15
Persons Summoned for Traffic Violations, etc.	58
Convictions	50
Search Warrants Obtained	1
Warrants Issued and Served	1
Drownings Reported	1

Amount assessed in Fines for Violations, etc. \$500.00

With the increase of crime continuously coming before us, the need for greater Police protection is undeniable. With this thought in mind I have asked for an increase in our budget which seems quite large, but with the amount of work which has to be done and the amount of Protection to which you, as Citizens, are entitled to receive, the overall figure is very small.

The Finance Committee would not go along with my recommendation for a "suitable vehicle" which is greatly needed by the Police Department. On several occasions we have had to call on "neighboring towns" to assist us at an accident or some other emergency when someone's life was at stake.

Means of "Communication" play an important part in a Police Department, or any department, that is pledged to serve a community. Sighting a recent case which occurred in our town, namely the "Armed Robbery" at one of our local business establishments, the capture of those responsible could possibly have been greatly expedited, if we had a "Radio" to work with.

I would at this time like to extend words of "Praise" to Police Officers Philip W. Harding, Paul R. Tyler and Harold C. Barrows, Jr., in the manner in which they conducted their investigation, along with the State Police, which led to the quick apprehension of those responsible for the "Armed Robbery" at Sabatinelli's Package Store.

It is with great regret that we had to insert in our records the death of Alan D. Smyth as the result of an Auto and Cycle crash. With the number of automobiles and licensed operators continuously on the increase on our highways, the job of policing becomes greater all the time.

At this time I would like to thank each and every one for their splendid cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM D. RONDEAU,
Chief of Police.

REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit to you a report for the year 1957:

Scales under 100 lbs. at 50¢	4
Scales over 100 lbs. at \$1.00	1
Gasoline Pumps at \$1.00	12
Grease Pumps at \$1.00	5

Fees and adjusting charges as authorized by Section 56, General Laws, Chapter 98 as amended by Chapter 34, Acts of 1949.

If any adjustments are made on scales or pumps where the seals have been broken to do so, the Sealer of Weights and Measures should be notified said equipment is restored to use.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM D. RONDEAU,
Sealer of Weights and Measures.

REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit to you the following report for the year 1957.

Dogs reported missing	10
Dogs killed by Autos	11
Persons Bitten by Dogs	7
Dogs Hit by Autos reported	9
Dogs Boarded	20
Dogs Destroyed	14
Complaints Recorded and Investigated	23

According to Sec. 137 of the General Laws, the owner or keeper of a licensed dog shall cause it to wear around its neck or body a collar or harness of leather or other suitable material, to which shall be securely attached a tag. Any dog without a tag or some means of identification may be declared a stray dog, and be taken immediately to the dog "Pound." If the owner is later learned, he can be assessed the charges for picking up his dog.

All dogs three months old or over must be licensed as of March 31. These licenses can be obtained from the Town Clerk.

Ninety-three dogs were reported unlicensed as of June 1 which had to be collected. Your cooperation in the future would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM D. RONDEAU,
Dog Officer.

ASSESSORS' REPORT

The Assessors' Recapitulation Sheet and Table of Aggregates is given below:

RECAPITULATION 1957

Town Appropriations:

Voted since 1956 Tax Rate was fixed	\$220,997.34
Other	500.00

State:

Tax and Assessments	694.43
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County:

Tax and Assessments	9,090.96
Overlay for 1957	3,000.00

Gross Amount to be raised		\$234,282.73
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Estimated Receipts	\$ 80,406.74
Available Funds	45,256.99

Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds		\$125,663.73
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Net amount to be raised by taxation

on Polls and Property		\$108,619.00
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587 Poll Taxes at \$2.00	\$ 1,174.00
Personal Property Taxes	7,511.50
Real Estate Taxes	99,933.50

		\$108,619.00
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AGGREGATES 1957

Assessments on Real Estate	768
Assessments on Personal Estate	45
Polls Assessed	587
Value of Assessed Personal Estate:	
Stock in Trade	\$ 13,850.00
Machinery	101,300.00
Livestock	11,230.00
Other Tangible Personal Property	23,850.00
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Total value of Assessed Personal Estate	\$150,230.00
Value of Assessed Real Estate:	
Land exclusive of buildings	\$334,165.00
Buildings exclusive of land	1,664,505.00
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Total value of Assessed Real Estate	\$1,998,670.00
Total value of Assessed Estate	2,148,900.00
Tax on Personal Estate	\$ 7,511.50
Tax on Real Estate	99,933.50
Tax on Polls	1,174.00
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Total taxes levied	\$108,619.00
Rate of Tax per \$1,000.00	\$50.00
Number of Livestock Assessed:	
Horses	14
Cows	73
Other Neat Cattle	22
Swine	27
Sheep	18
Fowl	940
All other	10

Number of Dwelling Houses assessed	659
Number of Acres of Land assessed	10,761

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes

Committed to Collector:

Vehicles registered in 1956	\$ 5,762.48
Vehicles registered in 1957	22,958.53

Total Commitments	\$ 28,721.01
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Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes Abated:

1956 Taxes	\$ 1,002.88
1957 Taxes	963.66

Total Abatements	\$ 1,966.54
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Farm Animal Excise

Total value of Farm Animals

assessed	\$ 61,561.00
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Rate of tax per \$1,000.00	\$5.00
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Total Commitment	\$ 307.83
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Overlay Account 1957

1957 Overlay	\$3,000.00
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1957 Abatements on Polls and

Property	2,751.50
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Respectfully submitted,

DONALD B. LOWELL
D. KINSLEY BARNES
CARL M. TAFT, Clerk
Board of Assessors.

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

The Fire Department answered 18 alarms during 1957 with an estimated loss of \$3,200, as follows:

- 4 Building fires
- 7 Chimney fires
- 3 Truck and auto fires
- 4 Electrical short circuits
- 18 Wells pumped out
- 4 Cellars pumped out.

The Forest Fire Department answered 47 alarms during the year. Fires burned over 17 acres of wood and brush land and 11 acres of grass land. Due to prompt notification from our Fire Tower observer and ready response of our Fire Fighters, these fires were confined to two acres or less.

Over 300 burning permits were given out and only six went out of control.

The Firemen again sponsored a parade, entertainment and refreshments the night before the Fourth of July.

The Fire Station was decorated at Christmas and the Firemen, together with members of the Grange, decorated and lighted the tree on Founders' Park.

A new American Marsh portable pump was purchased with matching funds from Civilian Defense.

The Fire Department was very fortunate to be able to purchase a tank truck with a capacity of 2,250 gallons and we know it will repay its small cost to the town, many times.

May I express my thanks to the townspeople and the Fire Fighters for their splendid cooperation this past year, which has been a hazardous one for fires.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM F. IRONS,

Fire Chief and Forest Warden.

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY SURVEYOR

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I submit the following report of work done on Town roads during 1957:

CHAPTER 81

There were 19,107 gallons of asphalt applied to various roads under this Chapter. On Blackstone Street 2,900 feet were widened and hard-topped; also 35 feet of drainage was installed. Brush was cut on all roads including Chapter 90 highways.

CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

On the old State highway (Bates Street), a distance of 2,400 feet was rebuilt and now the road is in very good condition. 13,107 gallons of asphalt were used on various roads under this Chapter and some drainage was installed.

CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION

With money carried over from the 1956 appropriation added to this year's appropriation, we finished the roadway and drainage from the High School to a point

near the residence of Miss Florence Bennett. The road was widened all the way in order to have ample space for parking near the church. The new road bed will be 24 feet wide the rest of the way toward the Upton line.

MOWRY STREET

Under the Town appropriation 500 feet of road was widened and a hard top applied.

PARK AND PLEASANT STREETS

There were 1,400 feet of road widened and hard-topped on Park Street. Considerable fill was used on this project. About 200 yards of our own fill came from excavations on Providence Street and North Avenue. It is now much easier for the school bus to pass cars on this road.

I wish to thank the townspeople as well as the State and County Engineers for their cooperation and assistance during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM R. BOWEN,
Highway Surveyor.

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

I herewith submit my annual report on the care, removal and disposal of trees in Town.

Spraying for Insect Pest Control and Elm Beetle was done by aeroplane and Mist Blower from the ground. I also sprayed for poison ivy in places where it was most prevalent, particularly at the school.

During the year I removed and disposed of approximately 40 diseased elm trees. The average thickness of these trees was three feet. Trees were trimmed in various parts of the town.

Due to the recommendations of the Department of Natural Resources, the Finance Committee has recommended taking \$200 from the Insect Pest Control appropriation and adding it to the Tree Warden's account. This money will be used to remove and dispose of more trees.

I wish to thank the townspeople and Highway Surveyor for their assistance and cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM NUTTALL,
Tree Warden.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Following is the Financial Report and Recapitulation
of the East Mendon Water System for the year 1957:

Appropriation for Maintenance	\$ 751.00	
Reimbursements from Water Takers for installation costs	466.19	
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Total available		\$1,217.19
Expended:		
Nelson Meter Service	\$ 144.00	
The Clarke Printing Co.	11.00	
Walnut Farm, Inc.	357.42	
Varney Bros., Inc.	75 03	
Town of Bellingham	403.72	
Postage	9.10	
Meter Readings	21.00	
Clerical	18.00	
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Total expended:	\$1,039.27	
Unexpended:	177.92	
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		\$1,217.19

RECAPITULATION

Net expenditures for Maintenance	\$ 573.08	
For Water Loan Note	1,000.00	
For Interest on Note	281.25	
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Total cost for 1957		\$1,854.33
Water Commitments for 1957		\$2,147.74

The Board of Water Commissioners re-negotiated the contract with the Town of Bellingham to provide water for the East Mendon System for another ten-year period.

At the same time additional increase was made in the cost of water to the Town of Mendon. Therefore it was necessary to advance the rates to the consumers in July, 1957.

CLARENCE E. VARNEY, Chairman
DONATO F. LEONE
M. MORTON GOODNOW
Water Commissioners

REPORT OF THE WIRE INSPECTOR

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

Herewith is my statement of accounts for the year 1957:

Number of Inspections	29	
Value of Inspection Slips		\$65.00
Cash and Checks Received	\$62.00	
Outstand (incomplete)	3.00	
		\$65.00

Respectfully submitted,
WALTER J. CHANNING,
Wiring Inspector.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

1957

DOG LICENSES ISSUED IN 1957

180 Males at \$2.00	\$360.00
30 Females at \$5.00	150.00
80 Spayed Females at \$2.00	160.00
7 Kennel Licenses at \$10.00	70.00
1 Kennel License at \$25.00	25.00
1 Kennel License at \$50.00	50.00
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Total amount received for licenses	\$815.00
Fees deducted	65.40
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Cash paid to Town Treasurer as per	
Monthly Statements	\$749.60

All dogs three months old or more must be licensed at the Town Clerk's office on or before April 1, 1958. The Dog License Refund is added to the General School Fund of our Town.

SPORTING LICENSES ISSUED IN 1957

108 Resident Fishing
93 Resident Hunting
73 Resident Sporting
14 Resident Minor Fishing
34 Resident Female Fishing

- 1 Special Non-Resident Fishing
- 3 Non-Resident Citizen Fishing
- 1 Alien Fishing
- 5 Non-Resident Hunting
- 2 Non-Resident Sporting
- 7 Duplicate Licenses
- 10 Resident Citizen Sporting (Free)

Total Amount Received for all licenses	\$1,269 25
Less amount retained for fees	83.25
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Amount sent to the Department of	
Natural Resources	\$1,186.00

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1957

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Parents
4	Douglas Earl Coburn	Dona'd E. and Ethel (Rogers) Coburn
8	Valerie Ann Fagan	Robert K. and Shirley A. (Christensen) Fagan
20	Alan David Wood	Herbert S. and Beatrice C. (Tetreault) Wood
27	Deanna Lynn Haynes	Margaret (Hicks) Haynes
12	Christine Karen George	George C. and Lillian (Zicko) George
16	Bradley B. Jackson	Everett H. and Monica E. (Aggett) Jackson
2	Ronald Francis Diomedes	Louis S. and Ruth M. (Palanzi) Diomedes
5	Marilyn Gaskill	John F. and Dorothy (Murray) Gaskill
13	Sharon Lee Charles	Everett W. and Martha F. (Carlson) Charles
15	James Joseph Cahill	James J. and Kathleen (Boucher) Cahill
22	Glenn David Carr	Albert and Joyce (Cram) Carr
3	Andrea Dorothy Hogarth	John, Jr. and Gloria (Mantoni) Hogarth
7	Ronald Patrick Ferrucci	James S. and Phyllis M. (Matto) Ferrucci
8	Linda Marie Parker	Earl R. and Joan M. (Todd) Parker
14	John Robert Hoberg	Richard P. and Joyce M. (Thatcher) Hoberg
22	Americo Michael Candela	Americo M. and Evelyn L. (Dufresne) Candela
28	Thomas Raymond Grant	Harry R. and Janet (Lapworth) Grant
10	Catherine Marie Whalen	William J. and Dorothy E. (June) Whalen
12	Stillborn	
12	Shirley Ann Magliocca	Ettore J. and Viola (Brenna) Magliocca
20	Edward Hugh Blair	Wilbur and Anna M. (Carlson) Blair
22	Linda Ann Phipps	Russell and J. Muriel (Metca'f) Phipps
5	Susan Mae Gaskill	Richard M. and Dora (Streeter) Gaskill
12	Virginia Ann Carlson	Sigfrid B. and Phyllis L. (Berry) Carlson
18	Alan David Tetreault	A'dore E. and Pauline A. (Lec'aire) Tetreault
21	Jay Michael Lamothe	Maurice and Janet (Clement) Lamothe
2	Mary Elizabeth Geneseo	Louis J. and Barbara Ann (Racine) Geneseo
10	Robert Allen Grant	Paul and Maybelle M. (Ross) Grant
18	Deborah Jean Davenport	Dwight J. and Marion (Gorman) Davenport
30	Malinda Mae Gaskill	William H. and Maria H. (Fernandez) Gaskill
17	Janet Helen Bennett	Ralph G., Sr. and Virginia H. (Lougee) Bennett
20	Everett Roy Adams	Carl and Anne (Watson) Adams
22	Alice Mary Cornell	George B. and Alice T. (Brady) Cornell
4	Edward Stephen Marcello	Frank M. and Patricia (Wa'sh) Marcello
11	Margaret Lynn Irish	Harold and Charlene (Caswell) Irish
16	Debra Ann Wiersma	Harry and Ethel (Roorda) Wiersma
22	Alan Leslie Auty	William L. and Mary J. (Whitney) Auty
1	Susan Marie Bennett	Robert H. and Marjorie (Bowen) Bennett
6	Joseph Arthur Bilodeau, Jr.	Joseph A. and Grace (Curley) Bilodeau
10	William Charles Giatas	E. Theodore and Louise E. (Perron) Giatas
10	Roy Alan Wright	Roy L. and Eleanore (Thallinger) Wright
11	Debra Louise Barnes	Daniel N. and Shirley M. (Steere) Barnes
14	Karen Sue Gaskell	David A. and Evelyn (Aldrich) Gaskell
1	Sharon Marie Desmarais	Norman L. and Lorraine A. (Leblanc) Desmarais

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1957

Date of Marriage 1957	Where Married	Names	Residence
Feb. 2	Uxbridge	Howard A. Godin	Spencer
		Jean B. Rosenquist	Mendon
Mar. 18	Dedham	James J. Cahill	Mendon
		Kathleen (Boucher) Basilici	Dedham
May 4	Mendon	Joseph L. Ruggiero	Milford
		Gloria M. Rossetti	Mendon
11	Mendon	Arthur D. Hutchinson	Mendon
		Shirley A. Hazard	Mendon
June 1	Mendon	Raymond A. Sherman	Douglas
		Mary C. Wilde	Mendon
27	Keene, N. H.	Louis H. Morton	Mendon
		Elizabeth J. Perkins	Mendon
July 13	Uxbridge	Fredrick H. Fiedler	Uxbridge
		Janet M. Parkinson	Mendon
13	Mendon	Joseph Feccia, Jr.	Milford
		Anna F. Leone	Mendon
27	Mendon	Leonard A. Crowe	West Boylston
		Marjorie P. Deignan	Worcester
Aug. 10	Auburn	Robert G. Chaleki	Mendon
		Ernestine T. Davis	Auburn
16	Woonsocket, R. I.	Anthony C. Rocks, Jr.	Mendon
		Geraldine Myers	Woonsocket, R. I.
31	Mendon	Palmer D. Swanson	Mendon
		Lorraine C. Deiana	Mendon
Sept. 1	Framingham	Richard T. Eaton	Mendon
		Beverly (Munyon) Higgins	Framingham
18	Milford	Peter A. Fantasia	Mendon
		Mae E. (Moseley) Boover	Mendon
Oct. 12	Mendon	Robert W. Sheperdson, Jr.	Cumberland, Md.
		Sally Ann Ashkins	Mendon
26	Uxbridge	Russell T. Gaskell	Mendon
		Anne M. Oleksyk	Uxbridge
Nov. 2	Hopedale	William M. Kimball, Jr.	Mendon
		Ruth M. Hoberg	Hopedale
16	Bellingham	Leonard E. Mellen	Mendon
		Elizabeth A. Chute	Hopedale
30	Mendon	Walter W. Dolan	Millbury
		Ethel H. Young	Sutton
Dec. 17	Upton	James E. Bowers	Evansville, Ind.
		Barbara M. Sampson	Mendon
28	Mendon	Kenneth Benoit	Milford
		Mary F. Lamothe	Mendon

DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1957

Date of Death 1957	Name	Y	Age M	D	Cause of Death
Jan. 1	Mabel (Mossia) Stover	76	8	3	Coronary Thrombosis
6	James Owen Farnon	74	—	—	Coronary Thrombosis
11	Maria A. Newell	79	—	20	Congestive heart failure
15	Cora M. (Parry) Blanchard	58	8	16	Coronary occlusion
23	Annie U. (Rossi) Bennett	53	6	19	Cerebral hemorrhage
Feb. 4	Esther M. (Gates) Hodgkins	55	6	8	Broncho pneumonia
12	William R. Hensel	57	—	—	Anemia
25	James O. Brady	70	1	—	Acute Myocardial failure
26	Bridget (Whalen) Reilly	77	1	11	Cerebral hemorrhage
Mar. 8	Eleanor Amelia Radloff	84	8	11	Carcinoma of Stomach
9	John Vander Sluis	69	4	14	Cerebral apoplexy
21	Ina Mabel Irons	59	7	26	Asphyxia by drowning
June 1	Anna J. (Peterson) Anderson	86	6	2	Cerebral hemorrhage
12	Stillborn				
July 11	Florence H. (Taft) Aldrich	88	5	16	Senility
Aug. 23	Roswell L. Look	80	10	18	Rheumatic Heart Disease
27	Alyce L. (Lincourt) Alexander	60	5	13	Carcinomatosis of Peritoneal Cavity
Sept. 24	Lena (Rawson) Loftstedt	80	8	5	Coronary arteriosclerosis
Oct. 7	Ernest L. Kempton	82	4	7	Myocarditis
9	Florence H. Towne	87	4	29	Cerebral hemorrhage
Nov. 10	William H. Wigglesworth	77	6	8	Carcinomatosis
Dec. 25	Nellie (Kelly) Murphy	69	3	6	Coronary Thrombosis
31	John J. Driscoll	72	—	11	Presumably Coronary occlusion

Parents and others are requested to carefully examine the above lists and if any errors or omissions are discovered report them at once to the town clerk, that the record may be corrected, as it is of importance that the records of Vital Statistics should be complete.

General Laws, Chapter 46, Section 6.

Parents, within forty days after the birth of a child, and every householder, within forty days after a birth in his house, shall cause notice thereof to be given to the clerk of the town where such child is born***

NOTICE

SOME OF THE MANY

Reasons Why Births Should Be Recorded

- To establish identity.
- To prove nationality.
- To prove legitimacy.
- To show when the child has the right to enter school.
- To show when the child has the right to seek employment under the child labor law.
- To establish the right of inheritance to property.
- To establish liability to military duty, as well as exemption therefrom.
- To establish age and citizenship in order to vote.

To qualify to hold title to, and to buy or sell real estate.

To establish the right to hold public office.

To prove the age at which the marriage contract may be entered into.

To prove age to determine validity of a contract entered into by an alleged minor.

To prove age for Old Age Assistance.

To prove age so as to have the right to take Civil Service Examinations.

Parents be sure to record the birth of your child with given name in full.

Your co-operation to the end that all births may be properly recorded will be greatly appreciated.

Parents will please return the supplemental birth report sent them by the Clerk, even though they have received one from the Clerk of the town in which the child was born. The corrections are not forwarded to the Mendon Town Clerk.

Blanks for the return of all Vital records can be obtained from the Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,
ALBERT S. COLEMAN,
Town Clerk.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Trustees of the Taft Public Library submit the Report of the Librarian, the Financial Report, and Trustees' Report for the year ending December 31, 1957.

The report of the Librarian shows a very significant increase in circulation of books and magazines for the year 1957. The Trustees are pleased to note the increase and believe that the additional afternoon per week of library service which has been given throughout 1957 has been very much worth while.

The installation of combination windows on the main floor of the library was made during the late summer.

The Trustees recommend the purchase of a new set of encyclopedia to replace the encyclopedia now in use.

The Board of Trustees very much appreciate the keen interest and efficient service of our Librarian, Mrs. Vestella Daniels. A standing invitation is extended to the townspeople of Mendon to make full use of the Library.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD METCALF, Chairman
VESTELLA DANIELS
HARRY C. YORK
PERCY L. ROWE
HENRY P. CLOUGH

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT — 1957

To the Trustees of Taft Public Library:

The circulation for the year (99 days) was 6967; an increase of more than 1000 over last year. The largest number given out in one day was 165; the smallest, 23; and the average, 70. Circulation by classes was as follows:— fiction, 3002; juvenile, 2442; magazines, 656; biography, 219; history and travel, 297; literature and fine arts, 107; science and useful arts, 134; all others, 110. The greatest increase was in fiction, travel and history.

New books added to the library by the town, 92; by Fletcher Fund, 66; and by gift, 34, making a total of 192. This includes a new Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, a needed addition to our reference department. Gifts of books were received from Charles and Hazel Leonard, Earl Rogers, from the library of the late Inez A. Daniels, from Sheila Perkins, Sheila Wagner and from Mr. Alfred Sutcliffe, for which we wish to express our thanks and appreciation. The FBI Story by Don Whitehead was given by the Rosentiel Foundation and the History of the 26th Yankee Division was a gift from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Magazines available to readers are American Home, Atlantic Monthly, Better Homes and Gardens, Boys' Life, Flower Grower, Good Housekeeping, Ladies' Home Journal, McCall's Magazine, National Geographic, Popular Mechanics, Readers' Digest, Red Book, Saturday Evening Post and Time. Fines collected and turned over to the town treasurer, \$18.79.

An inventory of all the books in the library was begun by the librarian and her efficient high school assistant, Miss Marjorie Vear. Three Girl Scouts have been

trained as Library Aides and have given free time this year:— Elizabeth Bagg, Norma Rogers and Sheila Wagner. A Summer Reading Club was conducted, continuing the subject, States of the U. S. A. The librarian attended two Area Meetings, one at Westboro in April and one at Uxbridge in September.

During National Book Week, the teachers of Mendon School were invited to a reception and special preview of fifty new books. A social hour was enjoyed with a chance to browse through the library. The teachers cooperate with the library by taking deposits of books to their classrooms for supplementary reading.

Many patrons have expressed their appreciation of the opening of the library on Monday afternoons; and it has proved helpful to students coming to the library for reference work. We have acquired forty-three new readers this year, and interest has steadily increased.

May we thank the trustees and town officials for their interest and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,
VESTELLA M. DANIELS,
Librarian.

FINANCIAL REPORT

TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Appropriation	\$1,400.00
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Expended:

Barney Coal Company	\$ 184 59
Worcester County Electric Co.	38.02
Campbell and Hall Book Co.	188.56
Nathaniel Dame Book Co.	19.50
Goldberger Agency, Inc.	51.90
C. L. Goss	231.00
Mendon Post Office	2.70
Lester Hill	9.50
Edward T. Powers	5.00
Bro. Dart Industries	8.00
Gaylord Brothers	16.20
American Library Association	6.00
Vestella Daniels, expenses and supplies	8.50
Vestella Daniels, Librarian	520.00
Raymond Dudley, Janitor	100.00

Total Expended	\$1,389.47
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Unexpended	10.53
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\$1,400.00

ANNUAL REPORT

Of The

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

And

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Of The

TOWN OF MENDON

MASSACHUSETTS

For The

Year Ending December 31, 1957

SCHOOL DIRECTORY 1956-1957

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Harry C. York, Chairman	Term Expires 1959
Gordon R. Good, Secretary	Term Expires 1960
Philip W. Harding	Term Expires 1958

Regular meetings are held at the High School Building on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30 P. M.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS — PERCY L. ROWE, Boston University, B.S.E., Ed.M

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The Superintendent may be met every Tuesday and Wednesday at the Mendon High School or by appointment.

Office—Center School, Bellingham Center

Telephone, Milford 3725

Office Hours—4:00 P. M. to 5:00 P. M. on School days.

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Ronald Lukert, M.D.

Telephone, Milford 3045

SCHOOL NURSE

Grace Moran, R.N.

Milford District Nursing Association

SCHOOL CUSTODIAN

William Hazard Mendon, Mass.

TRANSPORTATION AGENTS

Harold C. Barrows Mendon, Mass.

Harold Barrows, Jr. Mendon, Mass.

ATTENDANCE OFFICER

William D. Rondeau Mendon, Mass.

TEACHERS

Name	Subject or Grade	Preparation	Degree or Years	Years in Town	80
Henry P. Clough, Principal	Mathematics	Dartmouth College and French, Social Science	B.S. Ed.M	Thirtieth	
		New Hampshire University			
Raymond F. Biedrzycki	Mathematics, Science	Rhode Island State	B.S.	Twelfth	
Gladys Morrison	Commercial Ed.	Gray's Business College		First	
Anne K. Davenport	Home Economics	University of Social Science	B.S.	Second	
		Massachusetts			

Arlene C. Rovedo	English, Latin	Worcester State Teachers College	B.S.	Second
Catherine Whelen	Grade 6	Boston University	A.B.	Fourth
Alyce Youngson	Grade 5	Framingham State Teachers College	B.S.E.	First
E. Jane Coleman	Grade 4	Mass. School of Art	B.S.E.	Sixth
Margaret C. Duren	Grade 3	Syracuse University	A.B.	Fourth
Grace Hutchinson	Grade 2	Framingham State Teachers College	Two	Nineteenth
Lucille A. Ravidoux	Grade 1	Perry Kindergarten Normal R. I. College of Ed.	Two One	Second
Irene P. Smith (Resigned)	Commercial Ed.	Regis College	A.B.	Second
Margaret Hubert (Resigned)	Grade 5	Framingham State Teachers College	Two	Fifth

SUPERVISORS

Name	Subject	Preparation	Degree or Years	Years in Town
William L. Rinehart	Handwriting	University of Pittsburg	A M.	Tenth
Christine Wilson	Music	N. E. Conservatory of Music	Three	Tenth
Marjorie W. Sheehan (Resigned)	Art	Cleveland Institute of Art	Four	First

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR PERIOD

JANUARY, 1958 to JUNE, 1959

HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN	CLOSE
January 2, 1958	February 21, 1958
March 3, 1958	April 18, 1958
April 28, 1958	June 20, 1958

SUMMER VACATION

September 3, 1958	December 23, 1958
January 5, 1959	February 20, 1959
March 2, 1959	April 17, 1959
April 27, 1959	June 19, 1959

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Same as High School except:

Close June 13, 1958
Close June 12, 1959

SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION

Good Friday Observance, April 4, 1958
Memorial Day Observance, May 30, 1958
Columbus Day Observance, October 13, 1958
Teachers' Convention Day, November 7, 1958
Veterans' Day Observance, November 11, 1958
Thanksgiving Recess, November 27-28, 1958

AGE OF ADMISSION TO SCHOOL

Any child who becomes six years of age on or before January first of the year following the term when he wishes to enter school may be admitted into the first grade, but in every case the admission of a child under six shall be dependent upon the fitness of the child to profit by the work of the school, such fitness to be determined by the superintendent. Pupils under seven years of age who have not previously attended school shall not be permitted to enter later than thirty days after the opening of school in September of any school year.

SCHOOL REGULATIONS

Any complaint or representation which any person desires to make shall be presented or referred in writing to the superintendent of schools, who, in his discretion may bring it before the school committee. In cases of discipline or other school matters relating to their children, parents shall first discuss the matter with the teacher concerned. If for some reason they are not satisfied they will further discuss the matter with the following persons, if necessary, and in the following order: first, the principal of the building and then the superintendent of schools. If, finally, the superintendent has been unable to satisfy the parents, he shall report the case to the school committee for consideration and action.

THE NO SCHOOL SIGNAL

It is the policy of the school officials to practically abandon the use of the "no school" signal on account of weather conditions. This is in line with what many other cities and towns are doing. The reason for so doing is that much confusion has resulted from the use of the "no school" signal, and the realization that the loss of even one school day is a very serious one.

However, there may be days when it is advisable to close schools on account of severe weather conditions or any other emergency.

Arrangements have been made with Radio Stations WBZ, WWON, WNRI, and WMOO to broadcast the fact whenever it is necessary to close the schools. The "no school" signals are usually given before, during, or immediately after the news program. The siren will also blow three blasts twice at 7:30 A. M.

If schools do not close on any particularly bad day (rain, snow, or cold) parents are requested, and urged, to use their own judgment in sending their children to school.

SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT

RECEIPTS

General Appropriation	\$77,837.03	
Dog Tax, 1957	573.97	
Total Receipts		\$78,411.00
Total Expenditures	\$77,966.66	
Unexpended Balance		444.34

REIMBURSEMENTS

State Aid	\$15,708.46	
All School Transportation	11,279.98	
Superintendent: Salary-Transp.	1,493.33	
State Wards:		
Tuition, Transportation	1,090.46	
Vocational Education	830.82	
Tuition	554.58	
Military Service Refund	57.07	
Total Reimbursements		\$31,014.70

TAXATION COST OF SCHOOLS

Total Expenditures	\$77,966.66	
Reimbursements	31,014.70	
Net Cost by Taxation		\$46,951.96

EXPENDITURES

School Committee Expense	\$ 127.00	
Superintendent's Salary	3,114 52	
Superintendent's Secretary's Salary	1,032 00	
Superintendent's Expense	265.41	
Supervisors' Salaries	1,740.02	
Teachers' Salaries	41,044.18	
Textbooks	1,957.25	
School Supplies	1,563.46	
Wages of Janitor	3,600 00	
Fuel	1,909.18	
Janitor Supplies	981.94	
Telephone	155.90	
Electricity	603.26	
Advertising	15.75	
Replacements	623.65	
Trash Removal	19.50	
Repairs	3,338 92	
Commissioner of Public Safety	10.00	
Library	104 11	
Health	905.47	
Transportation	13,379.70	
New Equipment	1,287.05	
School Lunch Program	188.39	
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Total Expenditures		\$77,966.66

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the citizens of Mendon the School Committee makes this report:

Resignations from Miss Irene Smith, Commercial teacher, Mrs. Margaret Hubert, 5th grade teacher, and Mrs. Marjorie Sheehan, Art Supervisor were accepted. Mrs. Gladys Morrison was engaged as Commercial teacher. Miss Alyce Youngson was engaged as 5th grade teacher. Mrs. Esther Yost was engaged to assist the first grade teacher. Grade 1 this year has a membership of 45. Mrs. Helen Thomas was engaged as art supervisor.

Mr. Minichiello was appointed acting superintendent and Mr. Clough assistant acting superintendent during the illness of Mr. Rowe, superintendent. Mr. Rowe returned to his duties at the beginning of the school year in September.

The resignation of Mr. Chester FitzGerald was accepted as his business required him to move out of town and Mr. Philip Harding was appointed to serve the balance of his term which expires next March.

Adjustments were made in the teachers' salaries to conform to the new state law on minimum salaries.

The boiler had to have a new section installed as one section had cracked open. This boiler is comparatively new and seems to have had a defective section which just recently failed.

The second floor corridor has been newly tiled and has given a more cheerful atmosphere to that part of the building.

Plans are now nearly complete to start double sessions next September in the elementary grades to relieve the over-crowded condition in the school system.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to Mr. Rowe, Mr. Clough, Mr. Minichiello, the teachers, custodian, cafeteria workers, transportation people, Parent-Teacher Association, and citizens of Mendon for their fine cooperation in maintaining as fine a school system as we can under the trying circumstances that exist.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY C. YORK, Chairman
PHILIP W. HARDING,
GORDON R. GOOD, Secretary
Mendon School Committee

IX	B	4	10	1	1	16	36
	G	6	13	1		20	
X	B		2	13	2	17	34
	G		4	11	2	17	
XI	B			1	5	10	25
	G			5	10	15	
XII	B				2	7	12
	G				1	5	

Boys	6	17	23	21	20	19	10	16	20	14	16	10	6	1	2	185
Girls	6	15	21	10	20	14	16	13	18	17	13	4				201
Totals	12	32	44	31	40	33	26	29	38	32	33	23	10	1	2	386

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee of Mendon:

Gentlemen:

It is with pleasure that I submit for your consideration my annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

Only three changes have occurred in the teaching staff during the year just past. Miss Irene Smith resigned in order to accept a position in Rhode Island and Mrs. Margaret Hubert in order to accept a position in Medway. Mrs. Marjorie Sheehan, our art supervisor, also resigned as her family moved to Connecticut. Mrs. Gladys Morrison was engaged to replace Miss Smith in our Commercial Department and Miss Alyce Youngson took over Mrs. Hubert's fifth grade. During the Fall months it was impossible to locate an Art Supervisor but recently Mrs. Helen Thomas of Franklin, was appointed to fill this very important position and began her duties on January 3, 1958.

The serious problem of overcrowded classrooms is still unsolved. At present this is the stumbling block hindering our educational development and progress. Since 1948 there has been a steady increase in school enrollment. On October 1, 1948 there were 249 pupils in total attendance. Nine years later, October 1, 1957, the school is housing 386 pupils in grades 1-12. This is 20 more than there were one year ago and the largest number ever to

attend school in Mendon. In this nine year period the percentage of increase is 55. In other words there are 155 percent more pupils now than there were nine years ago.

The following table shows the actual and predicted enrollment over a twenty-year period, 1948-1967. Figures through 1957 are actual known figures — those from 1958 through 1967 are estimated.

MENDON SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Actual and Predicted Enrollment 1948-1967

Grades

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total	Grand Total
1948	32	21	18	22	22	20	(135)	27	27	23	12	13	12	(114)	249
1949	32	36	24	21	27	27	(167)	23	23	24	18	12	12	(112)	279 +30 ⁹⁴
1950	28	38	36	27	24	24	(177)	33	19	19	22	16	11	(120)	297 +18
1951	27	31	43	45	29	24	(199)	27	32	17	23	16	13	(128)	327 +30
1952	39	35	28	42	39	30	(213)	21	22	28	14	19	17	(121)	334 +7
1953	35	38	35	26	44	39	(217)	33	21	21	23	12	18	(128)	345 +11
1954	39	38	37	36	25	43	(218)	37	29	19	16	20	11	(132)	350 +5
1955	32	40	35	35	37	27	(206)	44	39	31	18	14	18	(164)	370 +20
1956	37	33	42	28	34	34	(208)	30	36	36	28	15	13	(158)	366 -4

1957	45	37	34	41	29	35	(221)	35	23	36	34	25	12	(165)	386	+20
1958	50	48	38	34	41	29	(240)	37	31	21	32	29	23	(173)	413	+27
1959	45	53	48	38	34	41	(259)	30	33	29	19	27	27	(165)	424	+11
1960	51	48	54	48	38	34	(273)	43	27	30	26	16	25	(167)	440	+16
1961	44	54	49	55	48	38	(288)	36	38	25	27	22	15	(163)	451	+11
1962	37	47	55	49	56	48	(292)	40	32	35	22	23	20	(172)	464	+13
1963	44	39	48	56	49	57	(293)	50	36	29	31	19	21	(186)	479	+15
1964	47	47	39	48	57	49	(287)	60	45	33	26	26	17	(207)	494	+15
1965	50	50	47	39	48	58	(292)	51	53	41	29	22	24	(220)	512	+18
1966	52	53	51	47	39	48	(290)	61	45	49	36	25	20	(236)	526	+14
1967	56	55	54	52	47	39	(303)	50	54	41	44	31	23	(243)	546	+20

All figures as of October 1st

There are only eleven available classrooms for these 386 children as follows:

Elementary — (221 pupils)	6 classrooms
Junior-Senior High (165 pupils)	2 classrooms
Junior-Senior High	1 Home Economics Room
Junior-Senior High	1 Science Laboratory
Junior-Senior High	1 Commercial Room

Elementary classes, grades 1-6, should not exceed 25 to 30 pupils for the greatest efficiency in instruction. Thirty should be considered the maximum. All of our elementary grades are well over this number.

Classes at the high school level should not exceed 20-25. Many of our classes far exceed this. Some classes are in the thirties, and one is over 50. In addition a great many classes have study room pupils in them as well as a regular class. For example, we have a seventh grade arithmetic class of 35 pupils, and in the same room there are 19 study pupils—a total of 54 pupils in a room which should not aggregate more than 25. In a Latin class of 17 pupils (one of our smallest) there are 20 study pupils, making a total of 37. Regardless of size of classes there is no place to put study pupils except in the same room with regular scheduled subjects. This is a most undesirable situation and one that should not be tolerated any longer than absolutely necessary. There is just no place to put these study students now. Even the cafeteria has to be used at times for regular classes. There should be at least 8 classrooms available for these 165 junior-senior pupils instead of only the 5 we now have. Our entire secondary education program is obliged to use 2 regular classrooms and 3 specialized classrooms, namely, science laboratory,

commercial room, and home economics room. Nowhere in our seven period daily schedule of classes is there a free period for any teacher, not even for the principal. No provisions are made, or can be made, for such subjects as shop work, vocational education, physical education, library, band, orchestra, guidance, and other subjects usually given in an adequate secondary education program. There is no gymnasium and no auditorium except use of a basement room used mainly for cafeteria purposes. There is not even time enough (nor classroom space enough) for a class in driver-education instruction in the existing schedule of studies. The town population and the school population is increasing annually, and has been for several years. The school plant is simply not large enough to take care of the Town's children. The capacity of the building is completely inadequate. Only an excellent school faculty can carry on under the present overcrowded and cramped conditions. All of this presents a very unsatisfactory situation which should be resolved in the immediate future.

The solution of the enrollment problem is simple. There is only one way to accomplish it and that is by expansion of school facilities and space. The carrying out of the solution will be costly. There are five ways of creating more space, as follows:

1. Add to existing building.
2. Build a new high school.
3. Double sessions.
4. Build a new elementary school.
5. Form a region with another nearby town, or towns, and build a junior-senior high school.

Mendon is one of the more fortunate towns in the Commonwealth. The State School Building Assistance Commission will reimburse the town 50 percent of the cost (not interest) of building its own school and 65 percent of the cost (not interest) of participating in the construction of a regional school with another town or towns.

The State will not contribute anything towards the cost of an addition to the present school plant. So number one can be eliminated. Neither will the State consider sharing any part of the cost of the town's building its own high school. The reason being that such a school would be too small for an adequate secondary education program, except at a prohibitory cost. This eliminates number two. The third solution, dual sessions, or the two-platoon system, as it is sometimes called, should not even be considered. Our children merit a full time education with every advantage and opportunity—not a part time education. However, with the overcrowded conditions now existing, double sessions will undoubtedly be resorted to next September in grades one through six. There will probably be two first grades, two second grades, one third, one fourth, one fifth and one sixth. The 4 rooms on the first floor would be used for these dual session classes. One classroom on the second floor and one basement classroom would be used by grades 7-12. This second floor classroom had to be taken away from the upper grades several years ago. This solution must be considered only as a temporary one—an interim arrangement until proper facilities can be obtained.

If Mendon should decide to construct an elementary school it would leave the present building for secondary school purposes. This would leave the enrollment of the present high school far too small for an effective program, except at a very high cost. The amount of land available

for an elementary school is also questionable. Nationally accepted minimum standards for an elementary school are 5 acres, plus 1 acre for every 100 children. This means that a building planned to house 300 children must have a site of at least 8 acres, and this figure is a minimum. It would seem to me that the construction of an elementary school would be retrogressive action—not a step forward toward modern progressive education.

This leaves, in my opinion, the forming of a region with some nearby town, or towns, as the best and most practical solution of the overcrowded problem now confronting us. This would leave the present school plant for use as an elementary building. With very little alteration this building should serve very well for quite a number of years. Oddly enough Mendon has voted once (decisively) for a regional school and once (less decisively) against. The citizens of the town should be given another opportunity to vote on this important and vital issue. The advantages of a large high school are obvious. There are some 225 high schools and 13 regional high schools in operation in the State. These 13 regional high schools consist of at least two towns each and several 3, 4, and even 5 towns. So there must be from 30 at least, up to 40 or 45 towns now sending their secondary pupils to a regional high school. Nearly all are small towns such as ours.

Our high school has an enrollment of only 107 pupils at present. Including grades 7 and 8 it only adds up to 165. Out of about 238 high schools in Massachusetts there are only about 6 with a smaller number of students. Our high school is so small in size that junior and senior English must be combined. This should not be so. Instead, a high school should be large enough to have 3 or 4 classes in junior English and the same in senior English. If this were so our college preparatory students could be in one

group and receive a more intensive course which they should have, and which it is impossible to offer now. The same is true in mathematics, science, languages and other subjects. Much is being made today of science and this may be quite all right for the very existence of our country depends upon it—but other subjects are important also. For example, what good is science and mathematics and research if it can't be expressed in clear, concise, simple and understandable English? Our slower students also need subjects that will benefit them, especially in the vocational field. All of these advantages simply cannot be offered in a high school enrolling 100 to 200 pupils except at an exorbitant cost. A million dollar high school could be erected for 50 pupils or 25, or even one, but cost alone is only one factor. There must be pupils enough to make the plan feasible. Regardless of cost, it would be impossible to have a glee club with only one pupil. No homogeneous grouping can be done in a school of such small size. This small secondary school should not be perpetuated. Our high school students should have just as good an opportunity as the high school pupils of Plainville (or any other small town) who now attend a beautiful new regional high school in Wrentham, consisting of the towns of Norfolk, Wrentham and Plainville. Our pupils should be able to compete in college, work, or life with those of every city and town in the State.

All this comment is not to be considered as a reflection on our faculty in any way. As a matter of fact, quite the opposite is true. Our principal, teachers, and school personnel deserve to be complimented for the fine work being done under such adverse conditions. The voters of the town should have one more opportunity to decide what is right, fitting and proper for their secondary education program of the future.

Each year the latter half of May, a registration and visiting day is held for all children who plan to enter grade one the following September. Last year only 37 children were registered, yet 45 entered grade one on the Wednesday after Labor Day. This is only about an 80 per cent registration and is not very satisfactory. Books, supplies, and materials of various kinds must be ordered in the summer for these children. It is also necessary to know how many children to expect in order to properly prepare for them. All parents having children who will enter school next September are urged to register them during the registration days in May. Children must become 6 years of age on or before January 1, 1959 in order to enter grade one in September, 1958.

The annual census and distribution of all minors between the ages of 5 and 16 was taken in October, 1957. All figures are as of October 1, 1957. The figures shown in this table will not necessarily agree with the figures in the Age-Grade Enrollment Chart. The results of the October 1, 1957 census is as follows:

	5 years or over and under 7	7 years or over and under 16
Boys	39	176
Girls	34	158
	—	—
	73	334

Distribution of minors:

In public school membership	45	304
In private school membership		28
Not enrolled in any school	28	2
	—	—
	73	334

A one day conference, or workshop, was held in Whitinsville High School in October for all principals and teachers in the elementary schools in this vicinity. All elementary personnel in the towns of Hopedale, Bellingham, Upton, Uxbridge and Northbridge took part. The theme this year was of special significance because it was in the field of science and the improvement of science education at the elementary school level. Both general and small group meetings were held. Several of our teachers and Mr. Clough took an active part in planning and carrying out the program. This is the third or fourth year in which such conferences have been held and they are very beneficial to all of our teachers. These programs are planned well in advance each year through the cooperation of the Worcester State Teachers College and the Superintendents of Schools in the participating towns.

Through the interests of many people, televised education is now in the formulative stage in Massachusetts. Many meetings have been held to discuss the possibilities of in-school television. As a result tentative organizational plans and program development have begun. Any school within the coverage area of WGBH-TV and of any other television stations broadcasting such programs can receive the programs by merely tuning to the correct channel. At present, the greatest potential of in-school television in Eastern Massachusetts is on the elementary level. It is anticipated that these daily one-half hour programs will be inaugurated in the spring of 1958. Undoubtedly considerable instruction will be in the field of science.

In conclusion I wish to express to you my sincere thanks for your assistance in making the school year a most successful one. I must also express my appreciation

to Mr. Anthony C. Minichiello, who was Acting Superintendent of Schools, and Mr. Henry P. Clough, who was Assistant Acting Superintendent of Schools, during my illness the first part of the year. The efforts of Mr. Minichiello, Mr. Clough, the teachers, school physician, school nurse, townspeople, parents and pupils is very deeply appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
PERCY L. ROWE,
Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

To Mr. Percy L. Rowe

Superintendent of Schools

I herewith submit the annual report of Mendon High and Center School for the year ending December 31, 1957.

The enrollment of the school has increased twenty pupils on the basis of data recorded on October first. The enrollment figures of December 20, 1957 are as follows: Grade One—46; Grade Two—37; Grade Three—34; Grade Four—43; Grade Five—29; Grade Six—35; Grade Seven—35; Grade Eight—23; Grade Nine—36; Grade Ten—33; Grade Eleven—24; Grade Twelve—11. Total enrollment of Grades One to Six inclusive is 224, and of Grades Seven to Twelve, 162.

Graduation exercises of the Class of 1957 took place June 19, 1957. The members of the graduating class were: Irving C. Dudley, Ruth P. Hoisington, Mary F. Lamothe, Jean M. Mespelli, Joy L. Murch, Norma A. Phipps, Donald A. Rocks, Barbara E. Rogers, Paul A. Roy, Daniel T. Southwick, Theresa M. Wiersma, William H. Yanski, Barbara L. York.

Joy L. Murch and Jean M. Mespelli attained highest and second highest scholastic honors respectively. The Mendon High School Alumni Medal presented by the

Mendon High School Alumni Association was awarded to Mary F. Lamothe. The Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate presented by the Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution were awarded to Jean M. Mespelli. The American Legion Medal presented by the Roger L. Wood Post of the American Legion was awarded to Barbara E. Rogers. Irving C. Dudley, elected by the high school student body, represented Mendon High School on Student Government Day at the State House.

Edward B. Swanson and Audrey E. Smith, members of the Class of 1958, were selected as delegates to the annual convocations of Boys' and Girls' State sponsored by the American Legion and Legion Auxiliary.

The Class of 1958 presented the annual senior class play on the evenings of December 13 and 14, 1957 at the Mendon Town Hall. A comedy, "Out on a Limb," was given by a cast of eleven members.

The thirtieth annual prize speaking contest occurred on March 22, 1957. The following students participated: Constance H. Hamilton, Leo J. Lamothe, Elizabeth J. Perkins, Beverly J. Rhodes, Linda L. Sabatinelli, Barbara M. Sampson, Audrey E. Smith, Edward B. Swanson. Elizabeth J. Perkins, Audrey E. Smith and Leo J. Lamothe were the winners of first, second, and third prizes.

The annual open house evening held in observance of American Education Week occurred on November 12, 1957. Attendance reached a record number on this occasion and demonstrated the popularity and importance of the conference contacts between parents and teachers.

The school and the teaching staff have continued to maintain a close partnership with the Mendon Parent Teacher Association throughout the year. The elementary grades and senior class each provided the program for meetings of the association. The elementary grades again presented a spring musicale for the benefit of the Parent-Teacher sponsored summer play school under the direction of Mrs. Grace Hutchinson.

The school savings programs are being continued on the same basis as last year. Savings stamps may be purchased in Grades One to Four. Grades Five through Twelve have the opportunity to make weekly bank deposits under the plan operated through the Milford Federal Savings Bank.

The school lunch program continues to operate efficiently and successfully. Mrs. Louise Dautrich and Mrs. Thressa Wright have maintained high standards of meal service. The school and the community are greatly indebted to the relatively small number of helpers who continue to assist the lunch program by most generously donating many hours and days of work in the school kitchen. There is always a place for other workers who may be willing to help out either regularly or on an occasional basis.

A new report card for the elementary grades has been prepared by the elementary teachers. It is to be used in the first six grades and is designed to give a more detailed and complete statement of pupil accomplishment. It is hoped that parents will find it more helpful and more enlightening than the older form.

The school principal will recommend to the school committee that the high school day be lengthened fifteen minutes effective in September, 1958. The extra fifteen minutes will make possible seven class periods each of which will be forty-five minutes in length inclusive of passing time between classes. Heretofore, there has been a time variation of several minutes between class periods before lunch and those after the lunch period. School dismissal at one forty-five P. M. is still quite early in the afternoon and should not cause any significant inconvenience.

Parents are cordially invited to visit school and to confer with teachers and principal at any time.

In conclusion, I wish to thank Mr. Percy L. Rowe, Superintendent of Schools, the School Committee, the Mendon Parent-Teacher Association, and the townspeople for their cooperation and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,
HENRY P. CLOUGH,
Principal.

REPORT OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

December 31, 1957

School Committee

Mendon School Department

Mendon, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The following is my report of Mendon School work for the year 1957.

The following clinics were held:

Toxoid Clinics on March 20th, April 12th, and May 10th.

12 Children received the protective doses.

55 Children received the booster doses.

Polio Clinics on January 15th, January 16th, and May 17th.

Vaccination Clinic on May 22nd.

The annual Physical Examination of school children in Grades 1, 4, 7, and 10 showed the following defects:

Referred for dental evaluation	42
Enlarged tonsils	2
Wax in ears	3
Enlarged thyroid gland	2
Heart murmur	3

Respectfully submitted,
RONALD A. LUKERT, M.D.

MENDON SCHOOL NURSING REPORT

Mr. Percy L. Rowe

Superintendent of Schools

Mendon, Mass.

May we submit to you the Annual School Nursing Report for the year ending December 31, 1957.

Mendon School was visited Tuesday of each week except when it was necessary to change the day to accommodate Dr. Lukert when he was doing the physical examinations or to attend clinics.

Physical examinations of pupils in Grades 1, 4, 7 and 10 were done by Dr. Lukert assisted by the school nurse. Notices regarding defects were sent home to parents and guardians.

Antigen clinics were held in Mendon Schools on March 20th, April 12th, and May 10th. These clinics are always conducted in the spring and any child three months of age or older is always welcome. These injections protect children from whooping cough, diphtheria, and lockjaw. All school children in Grades 1, 6, and 11 are advised to have a booster at one of these spring clinics but must have parental consent.

Three Polio clinics were conducted at the school on January 15th, January 16th and May 17th. Dr. Ronald Lukert was in charge, assisted by the District Nurses, Board Members of the Association, and volunteer workers.

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to all who helped make these clinics successful. My thanks also extends to Mr. Hazard, the Cafeteria workers, and school personnel in the Mendon School, who are always most considerate and obliging at all times even when their busy hours are interrupted.

A Vaccination Clinic was conducted on May 22nd with Dr. R. Lukert in charge, assisted by the nurse. Thirty-eight children were vaccinated, the largest number ever done at one of our clinics. This also is a yearly clinic and any child living in Mendon is welcome to attend.

Registration was held at the school on May 19th.

All children were weighed, measured and inspected during the year. Many minor injuries were taken care of. We had a number of pupils absent at intervals due to colds and sore throats which are usually prevalent during cold weather, and one reported case of scarlet fever. However, toward the latter part of September, a chicken pox epidemic started and lasted several weeks. This was at the time of the flu epidemic, but apparently more of our absenteeism was due to chicken pox than to Asian flu.

The following defects were found among the children examined by Dr. Lukert:

Referred for dental evaluation	42
Enlarged tonsils	2
Wax in ears	11

Heart murmurs	3
Enlarged thyroid gland	2

The following is a summary of the work done by the nurse in her visits to school:

Inspection of pupils	526
Pupils inspected for disease	193
Pupils recommended for exclusion	18
Pupils and nurse conferences	78
Pupils treated for minor injuries	86
Nurse and teacher conferences	296
Home Visits	28

In closing, may we express our thanks to Dr. Lukert, school physician; Mr. Rowe, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Clough, Principal; and the teachers for their courtesy and co-operation; to the School Committee and Town Officials for their support; and to the parents for their co-operation and confidence.

Respectfully submitted,

GRACE MORAN, R.N.

REPORT OF MUSIC SUPERVISOR

To the Superintendent of Schools

My dear Mr. Rowe:

Another year ending means another report of school music activity due. We have had the usual calendar of musical events throughout the Mendon School System. Besides the regular classroom work in music, we have prepared programs for the May Festival, Memorial Day, Prize Speaking Night and Christmas. The High School Chorus sang at Graduation. We eliminated the High School Musical last year but one already is in rehearsal for this year. We're enjoying the new books in the second and third grades. The two new (to us) pianos are helpful, also.

Unfortunately, piano playing and singing around the piano at home is almost a lost art. I hope that this happy custom again will become part of our American scene. The musical experiences which came from this activity contributed greatly to the musical growth of the whole family. A child will have the best chance of growing in musical understanding and enjoyment if an interest in music is encouraged in the home from the very earliest days of childhood. Listening to good music is an important factor in the musical growth of a child, but, more important still is active participation in good music. He should be encouraged to sing and sing and sing! No mat-

ter how untuneful a mother's voice be, to her child it's the most beautiful voice in the world, and if she sings, he'll sing. As he grows older, he should be encouraged to study a musical instrument and then shown a great deal of sympathy during the first months or **years** of practice. If he is helped to foster a liking for practice he'll develop sufficient skill so that his playing is not a chore to him and a bore to the listener. When all is said and done, no other activity can equal the old-fashioned family music hour around the piano, for keeping the family at home and happy.

In closing, I wish to thank you and Mr. Clough for your wonderful spirit of cooperation and helpfulness and all the teachers who give so willingly to the teaching of music in the Mendon Schools.

Respectfully submitted,
CHRISTINE M. WILSON,
Supervisor of Music Education.

MENDON HIGH SCHOOL PRIZE SPEAKING CONTEST

FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 1957

The Button Newman
Betty J. Perkins

At The Declam Contest Black
Linda L. Sabatinelli

Carrie Becomes An Amateur Actress Marshall
Audrey E. Smith

O! Say, Can You See Marshall
Edward B. Swanson

Selections

Grade Two Rhythm Band

Aunt Effie Goes Horseback Riding McMahon
Beverly J. Rhodes

Her First Appearance Davis
Constance H. Hamilton

Ronnie Drives The Car Parcher
Leo J. Lamothe

Baby in the Bathroom Heath
Barbara M. Sampson

Selections

Grade Six Chorus

Decision of Judges

MENDON HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

Wednesday June 19th, 1957

PROCESSIONAL—Pomp and Circumstance Elgar
Mrs. Raymond F. Biedrzycki

INVOCATION

Rev. Hvezdon Kafka

SALUTATORY and ESSAY—The Tides of Immigration
Jean M. Mespelli

ESSAY—The Government of Our Commonwealth
Mary F. Lamothe

ESSAY—Our Fellow American
Theresa M. Wiersma

SONG—Carousel Selections Rodgers
High School Chorus

ESSAY—The Development of Atomic Power
Irving C. Dudley

ESSAY—Training America's Brain Power
Barbara E. Rogers

ESSAY and VALEDICTORY—Shall I Attend College?
Joy L. Murch

SONG—Land of Our Hearts Chadwick
High School Chorus

PRESENTATION OF AMERICAN LEGION MEDAL—

Mr. James P. Flanagan

Commander Roger L. Wood Post, A. L.

PRESENTATION OF MENDON PARENT-TEACHER
ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Mr. Robert D. Robinson

President, Mendon Parent-Teacher Association

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS AND DIPLOMAS

Mr. Harry C. York

Chairman, Mendon School Committee

STAR SPANGLED BANNER

BENEDICTION

Rev. Hvezdon Kafka

RECESSIONAL—March Romaine Gounod

Mrs. Raymond F. Biedrzycki

CLASS OF 1957

Irving Carroll Dudley

Barbara Elaine Rogers

Ruth Phyllis Hoisington

Paul Alfred Roy

Mary Frances Lamothe

Daniel Thayer Southwick

Jean Marie Mespelli

Theresa Mae Wiersma

Joy Linea Murch

William Henry Yanski

Norma Alice Phipps

Barbara Louisa York

Donald Arthur Rocks

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Worcester, ss.

TO THE CONSTABLE of the TOWN OF MENDON in the
COUNTY OF WORCESTER, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Mendon qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the TOWN HALL in said Mendon on MONDAY the Third day of MARCH A.D., 1958, punctually at 9:00 o'clock A.M., to act on the following articles, viz:

Article 1.

Article 2. and all following Articles on this Warrant will be acted upon Friday, the 7th day of March at 7:00 P.M.

Article 1. To bring in their ballots for the following Town Officers:

- One Moderator for one year;
- On Town Treasurer for three years;
- One Town Clerk for one year;
- One Tax Collector for three years;
- One Selectman for three years;
- One Assessor for three years;

One Constable for one year
 One Tree Warden for one year;
 One Trustee for Taft Public Library for two years;
 One Member of the School Committee for
 three years;
 One Park Commissioner for three years;
 One Highway Surveyor for one year;

all on one ballot, designating the office intended for each person.

Article 2. To hear the reports of the several Town Officers and Committees and act thereon.

Article 3. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 4. To appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town expenses for the financial year beginning January 1, 1958.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow a sum of money not to exceed \$25,000 in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1958 and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year and to renew any note or notes as may be given for the period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 highways, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highways Maintenance, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Construction, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 9. To see if the Town will appropriate any sum of money for the operation and repairs of Town machinery, a part or whole to be taken from the Road Machinery Fund, or take any action in relation to the same.

Article 10. To see what action the Town will take regarding any legal proceedings that may be brought against or by the Town.

Article 11. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell any or all real estate owned by the Town by reason of the foreclosure of Tax Title thereon and to execute, acknowledge and deliver a proper deed or deeds therefor, authority therefor to terminate March 2, 1959, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the dog license refund from Worcester County in 1958 to be used for general school expenses in 1958, or take any action in relation to the same.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors with the approval of the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation to use such an amount of the

free cash in the treasury as in their judgment should be used to reduce the tax levy of 1958, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$5,000 from unappropriated Available Funds in the treasury to the Stabilization Fund, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to discharge the Mendon School Planning Committee, said committee having been appointed under Article 22 of the Town of Mendon annual Town Warrant for the year 1956, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the following unexpended balances to the Excess and Deficiency Accounts:

Park and Pleasant Street Repairs	\$18.34
Regional School District Planning Comm.	\$65 48
Mendon School Planning Committee	\$18.10

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the unexpended balance of \$129.53 in the account for the Highway Dump Truck of 1956 to the Road Machinery Fund, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand, two hundred dollars (\$2,200.00) for the purchase of approximately two and one-half acres of land owned by David H. Snay, Sr., and Mae Snay adjoining school property and property owned by Clayton E. Parkinson, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be spent under the jurisdiction of the members of the School Building Committee, appointed June 10, 1957, consisting of Frank R. Boyer, Harold Metcalf, John L. Lundvall, Arthur A. Wiersma and Stanly W. Tuttle, and in the event of a vacancy on the committee, the Moderator be authorized to fill said vacancy, which committee shall engage an architect to draw preliminary plans, working plans and specifications for the construction of a new elementary school building or a free standing addition to the present school building, this committee being hereby authorized to enter into all contracts and do all things necessary and proper in the selection of the architect and the drafting of the plans and specifications aforementioned for the construction of an elementary school building or a free standing addition, or do or act in any manner pertaining thereto.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Moderator to appoint a three member regional School District Planning Committee, including one member of the School Committee, to study the advisability of establishing a regional school district as set forth in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 71, Sections 14 to 16I inclusive with any amendments thereto, or take any other action thereon.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to permit Trailer Coach Parks to be established within the limits of the Town of Mendon, or take any action in relation thereto.

POLLS WILL CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in said Mendon and causing a copy to be published once in the Milford Daily News, a newspaper published in Milford, Mass., both said posting and publication to be at least seven days before the time of the meeting hereby ordered to be held.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk of said town before the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Mendon, this 20th day of January A.D., 1958.

HAROLD METCALF
ROBERT P. CONGDON
ERNEST P. WOOD

Selectmen of Mendon

A true copy, attest:

WILLIAM D. RONDEAU
Constable of Mendon

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Article 4.

	1957	1957	1958
	Appropriation	Transfers	Expenditures
	\$	\$	\$
Moderator's Salary	25.00	25.00	25.00
Selectmen's Salaries	700.00	700.00	700.00
Selectmen's Expense	250.00	2.91	250.00
Treasurer's Salary	700.00		800.00
Treasurer's Expense	275.00	207.47	275.00
Tax Title Foreclosure	36.00		36.00
Town Accountant's Salary	500.00	500.00	500.00
Town Accountant's Expense	50.00	38.43	50.00
Town Clerk's Salary	250.00	250.00	300.00
Town Clerk's Expense	350.00	45.29	350.00
Tax Collector's Salary	925.00	925.00	1,000.00
Tax Collector's Expense	275.00	253.64	275.00
Assessors' Salaries	700.00	700.00	700.00
Assessors' Expense	300.00	164.98	300.00
Elections and Registrations	600.00	116.08	1,200.00
Town Counsel Salary	100.00	100.00	100.00

Town Counsel Expense	75.00	31.55	106.55	75.00
Clerical Hire—Town Officers	350.00		350.00	350.00
Town Hall Maintenance	900.00		715.72	900.00
Town Officers' Bonds	393.50		305.75	321.50
Record Room Maintenance	600.00		373.30	600.00
Heat and Lights—Town Bldgs.	2,500.00		1,996.76	2,500.00
Constable's Salary	25.00		25.00	25.00
Police Department	3,912.00		3,912.00	5,800.00
Fire Department	2,070.00	1,050.00	3,119.78	2,100.00
Forest Fires	500.00	300.00	799.39	750.00
Dog Officer	200.00		174.00	300.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	65.00		62.84	65.00
Wiring Inspector	80.00		80.00	80.00
Board of Health	2,250.00		1,660.40	2,250.00
Tree Warden	1,200.00		1,200.00	1,400.00
Insect Pest Control	700.00		700.00	500.00
Dutch Elm Disease Control	600.00		600.00	600.00
Inspector of Animals	150.00		150.00	150.00
Inspector of Slaughtering	25.00		25.00	25.00
General Repairs—Highways	2,500.00		2,488.75	2,500.00
Snow Removal	12,000.00		10,894.00	12,000.00
Street Lighting	947.34		944.50	1,083.96

Public Welfare Salaries	45.00	45.00	45.00
Public Welfare—Temporary Aid	7,000.00	5,589.96	7,000.00
Administration of Public Assistance	1,335.00	1,335.00	1,470.00
Aid to Dependent Children	1,500.00		1,500.00
Old Age Assistance	22,000.00	22,000.00	22,000.00
Veterans' Benefits	3,500.00	1,581.22	3,350.00
Administ. Veterans' Benefits	200.00	200.00	350.00
School Department	77,837.03	573.97	97,987.64
Vocational Education	2,200.00	1,824.81	2,800.00
Taft Public Library	1,400.00	1,389.47	1,400.00
Park Department	450.00	257.50	450.00
Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves	50.00	50.00	50.00
Water Department Maintenance	751.00	573.08	1,620.00
Memorial Day Observance	225.00	254.34	275.00
Insurance on Town Buildings	2,518.40	29.34	2,518.40
Town Reports	808.80	730.00	
Reserve Fund	2,000.00		2,000.00
Maturing Debt	2,000.00		1,000.00
Interest on Maturing Debt	303.75	303.75	258.75
Interest on Temporary Loans	350.00		350.00
Worcester County Retirement Fund	1,720.55	1,720.55	1,664.66

Article 6. Approved appropriation \$3,700; transfer \$10,175, Chapter 81.

Article 7. Approved appropriation \$1,500.00; transfer \$3,000, Chapter 90 Maintenance.

Article 8. Approved transfers of \$12,000, Chapter 90 Construction.

Article 9. Approved transfer of \$2,500, Road Machinery.

Article 12. Approved Dog Refund for School Expenses.

Article 14. Approved transfer \$5,000 for Stabilization Fund.

Article 16. Approved.

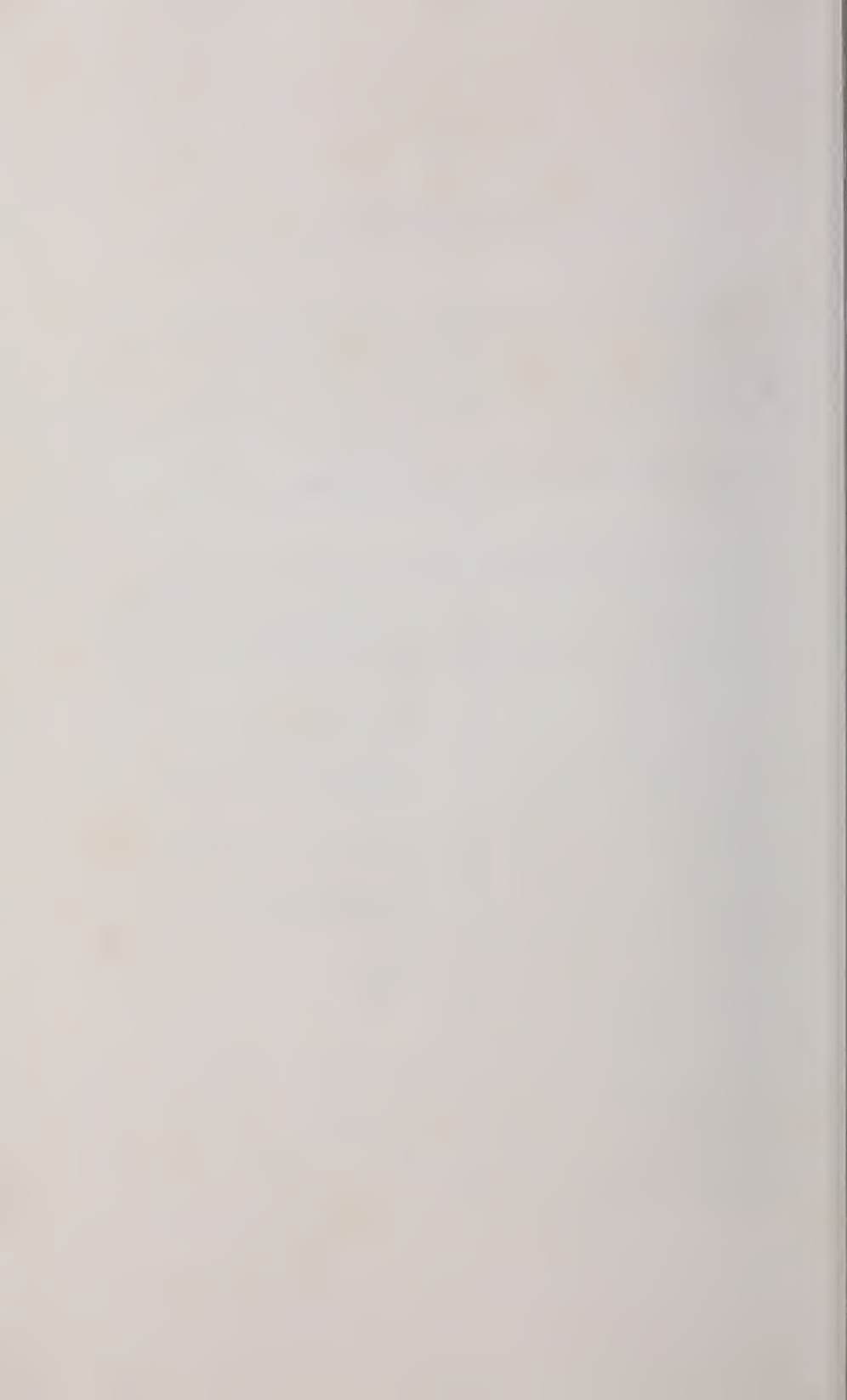
Article 17. Approved.

Article 18. Approved.

Article 19. Approved.

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REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS
OF
THE BUILDING COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF MENDON, MASS.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MARCH 7, 1958

The Building Committee was established in accordance with the provisions of Article No. 4, voted at the Special Town Meeting of June 10, 1957.

FRANK R. BOYER
HAROLD METCALF
JOHN L. LUNDVALL
ARTHUR A. WIERSMA
STANLY W. TUTTLE

MR. GORDON GOOD
declined his appointment. His place
was later filled by John L. Lundvall.

Recommendation

The Building Committee recommends that the Town votes approval of Articles No. 18 and No. 19.

No. 18. The additional site will permit the development of the now dormant acreage south of the present school, and will also provide additional parking, playground and driveway area.

No. 19. To provide the means whereby the townspeople **will know how much** the general contract bid actually is, before voting at the Special Town Meeting **rather than relying on an estimate.**

The Fifty Percent School Construction Grant

The School Building Committee has been assured that any school building project voted by the Town of Mendon, complying both with the structural standards of the Department of Public Safety and the educational specifications of the School Building Assistance Commission must receive the mandatory 50% school construction grant.

Educational Specifications

We, the Building Committee, noting that the Town of Mendon had voted acceptance of the report of the School Planning Committee, incorporated this planning into the proposed building program. Serving on this Committee were Chester Fitzgerald, Harry York, Gordon Good, Donald Lowell, Carlton Goss and Mrs. Lois Taylor.

"Program of Studies" as set forth by the School Planning Committee has been incorporated into the proposed building program.

Specialty Rooms

Also incorporated in this building program are the several specialty rooms as listed by the School Planning Committee.

Principal's Office	Storage Room	Library
Teachers Room	Remedial Room	Multi-Purpose Room
Health Room	Custodian Room	Kitchen

Site

The purchase of the proposed additional land, also listed by the School Planning Committee, has received the approval of both the School Building Assistance Commission and this committee. Your Building Committee has consummated a conditional purchase and sales agreement in behalf of the Town of Mendon. The condition being, of course, that the voters of Mendon vote the required approval.

Acquisition of this property will, first, allow the development of a new and direct approach to the school from Route 16 to relieve the traffic delay from the North Avenue road. Secondly, it will provide an additional recreational area. Thirdly, it will provide off-street parking for both the school and the proposed multi-purpose room which in turn could be used for the many civic and community functions.

School Membership Projections

The question of classroom space proved to be a most formidable problem. Examination of the projection figures as prepared by the School Building Assistance Commission indicate an increase of 51 pupils in the next five years. The Mendon School Department projections visualize an increase of from 93 to 129 pupils for this period. It is noted that former projections by our local school committee have been consistently higher than actual school enrollments. The Building Committee had no choice but to accept the School Building Assistance Commission figures.

Present School Facilities

The representatives of the School Building Assistance Commission verbally advised your Building Committee, that in their opinion, the present school facilities available, (both classroom wise and educationally), were neither adaptable for a secondary nor for an elementary level education in the modern school planning conception. However, they did express the opinion that the Town of Mendon would probably not vote to abandon the present school, but would continue to use it.

PROPOSAL

Your Building Committee has been reassured (by a most competent contractor and building appraiser of many years' experience) that "the front addition of the present school building is of good repair and is structurally sound."

It is proposed that the Town of Mendon shall

1. Erect a free standing addition to the present school
2. Erect six additional classrooms
3. Erect a multi-purpose room
4. Erect such collateral rooms as specified in the "Educational Specifications."

ESTIMATED COST OF BUILDING

General Contract	\$225,000.00
Site Developement	3,000.00
Architect's Fee	15,960.00
Equipment	25,040.00
Contingency Fund (includes Clerk of Works Salary)	21,000.00
Total Cost	<hr/> \$290,000.00
State Share at 50%	\$145,000.00
Town of Mendon Share	\$145,000.00

WENDELL T. PHILLIPS ASSOCIATES

DONALD F. PHILLIPS

GEORGE M. LIVINGSTONE, JR.

ROLAND E. HIXON

ROBERT A. TACCONI

Architects

MILFORD, MASS.

WENDELL T. PHILLIPS 1912-1955

TELEPHONE 2984

February 25, 1958

School Building Committee
Mendon, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

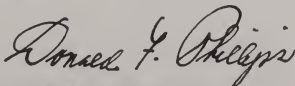
The following preliminary information is submitted as an aid to your committee in arriving at a solution to your elementary school problem:

The floor area required to provide space facilities for six (6) classrooms, Principal's Office, Teachers' Room, Health Room, Storage Room, Remedial Room, Custodian Room, Library, Multipurpose Room, and Kitchen would be approximately 14,125 square feet. Additional outside covered space at a bus loading area would be approximately 1840 square feet. These areas would be subject to some variation as the plan is developed. Based on the above areas and a square foot cost of \$15.00 for the inside area and a square foot cost of \$7.50 for the exterior covered areas, a reasonable estimated cost of the building would be \$225,000.00 (exclusive of equipment). The site work (paving and grass areas) would be approximately \$3,000.00 additional.

The \$15.00 a square foot cost figure would be representative of a one story building, no basement, structural steel frame, lightweight roof planking, 20 year bonded tar and gravel roof, exterior walls of face brick backed up with lightweight aggregate blocks, asphalt tile floors on concrete, ceramic tile floor in toilets, interior walls of painted masonry, polished concrete blocks in corridors and multipurpose room, glazed tile walls in toilets, panelled plywood in lobby, and hung acoustical ceilings. Complete heating and ventilating, plumbing and electrical systems would also be included in this cost estimate.

Very truly yours,

WENDELL T. PHILLIPS ASSOCIATES



Donald F. Phillips

DFP:c

\$290,000 BOND ISSUE

20 years at 3.25% Interest Rate

<u>Yrs.</u>	<u>Prin. Debt</u>	<u>Int. Due</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>50%State Reimburse.</u>	<u>Yrly. Town Pay.</u>	<u>Debt Balance</u>	<u>Tax Rate per yr.</u>
1	\$14,500	\$9,425.00	\$23,925.00	\$7,250	\$16,675.00	\$275,500	\$7.76
2	14,500	8,953.75	23,453.75	7,250	16,203.75	261,000	7.55
3	14,500	8,482.50	22,982.50	7,250	15,732.50	246,500	7.33
4	14,500	8,011.25	22,511.25	7,250	15,261.25	232,000	7.10
5	14,500	7,540.00	22,040.00	7,250	14,190.00	217,500	6.89
6	14,500	7,068.75	21,568.75	7,250	14,318.75	203,000	6.67
7	14,500	6,597.50	21,097.50	7,250	13,847.50	188,500	6.44
8	14,500	6,126.25	20,626.25	7,250	13,376.25	174,000	6.22
9	14,500	5,671.25	20,171.25	7,250	12,921.25	159,500	6.01
10	14,500	5,183.75	19,683.75	7,250	12,433.75	145,000	5.78
11	14,500	4,712.50	19,212.50	7,250	11,962.50	130,500	5.56
12	14,500	4,241.25	18,741.25	7,250	11,491.25	116,000	5.34
13	14,500	3,770.00	18,270.00	7,250	11,020.00	101,500	5.13
14	14,500	3,298.75	17,798.75	7,250	10,548.75	87,000	4.91
15	14,500	2,827.50	17,327.50	7,250	10,077.50	72,500	4.68
16	14,500	2,356.25	16,856.25	7,250	9,606.25	58,000	4.42
17	14,500	1,885.00	16,385.00	7,250	9,135.00	43,500	4.24
18	14,500	1,313.75	15,813.75	7,250	8,563.75	29,000	3.98
19	14,500	942.50	15,442.50	7,250	8,192.50	14,500	3.81
20	14,500	471.25	14,971.25	7,250	7,721.25	0	3.59

Why Not A Larger Addition

The Building Committee has curtailed its original larger building program, to build enough to suffice all projected enrollment for a longer period of time, for these three logical reasons:

- a. Our present school plant lacks the necessary specialty rooms including the multi-purpose room vital to supply additional area for all the many school classes and functions hitherto ignored.
- b. Our Mendon School offers only the required minimum standard elementary curriculum, it has had only limited facilities.
- c. Your Building Committee does not advocate spending any more monies than is prudent. Let first things be accomplished first.

Your Building Committee believes it is far wiser to adopt this modest building program and to demand that the educational standards be improved by the School Committee, rather than to concentrate solely on a larger building program.

In the upgrading of our elementary system, we automatically upgrade our secondary system. All additional facilities provided for our elementary system are also provided for the secondary system.

We know our proposed addition is comparatively low priced. We know that the operation and maintenance of this new addition is designed to be economical.

We, the Building Committee of Mendon, are proud to present this plan to the voters of Mendon. We are ready, willing and able to improve our educational system if you so manifest it by your vote at the Town Meeting.

"Under Chapter No. 645 of the General Laws, there has been established in the Department of Education, but not subject to its control, a temporary commission, to be known as the School Building Assistance Commission, to encourage the establishment of regional and consolidated public schools and to provide financial assistance to cities and towns in the construction of school buildings."

After the administrator of the School Building Assistance Commission was informed of the June 10, 1957 Town of Mendon vote, not favoring the establishment of the regional school district, and realizing that we, members of the School Building Committee, were not going to act or do anything thereto on the secondary phase of the Mendon school system at this time, did then refrain from further regional school dissertation.

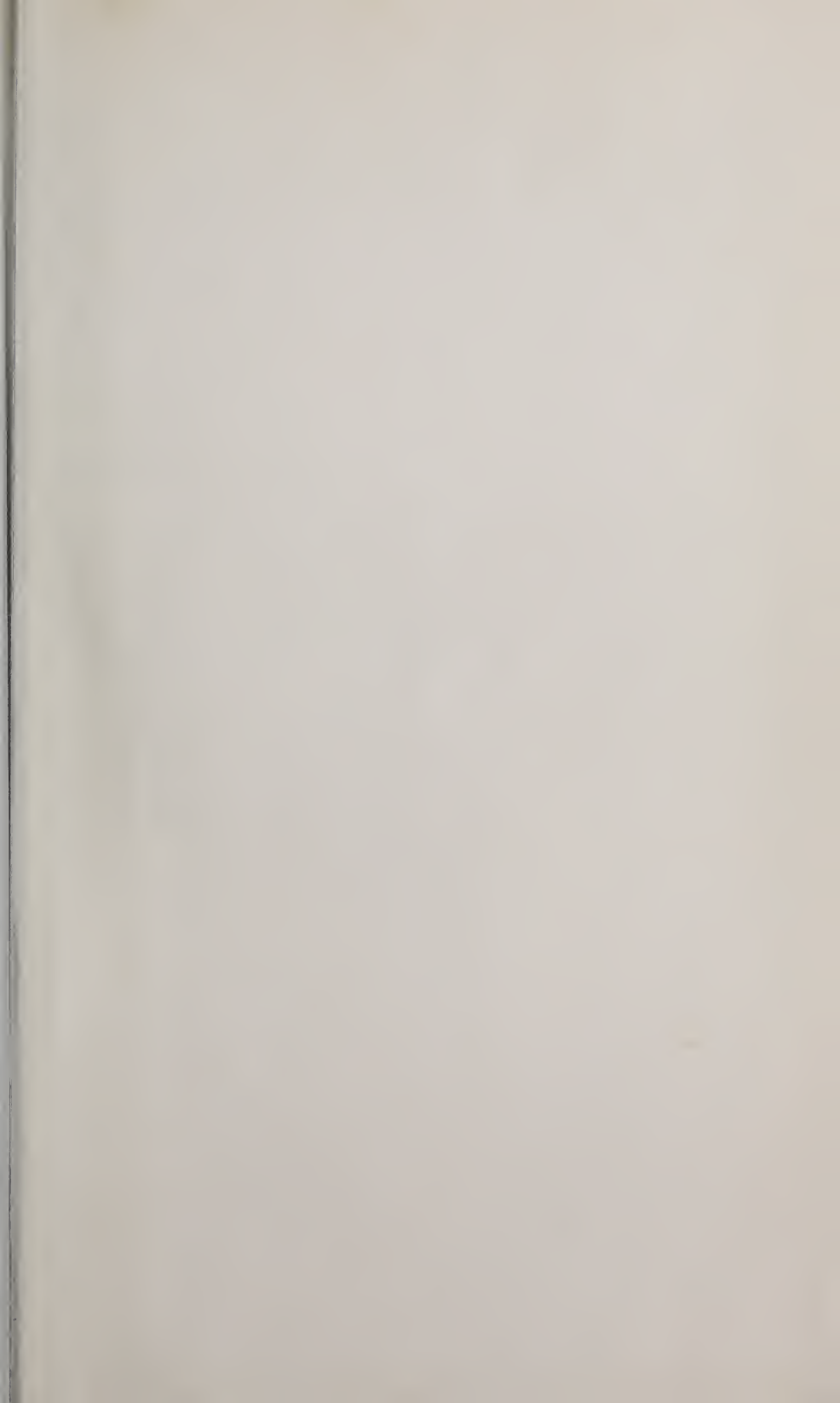
However, our local educational leaders, in contrast, have evidenced a wanton and calloused disregard of our local school vote. They have assumed leadership within a group to discredit the efforts and plans of your duly established building committee. They have aligned themselves in persistent regional school planning activities. Their obvious intent is to thwart the will of the people who placed them in office.

The aftermath of such a conflict of wills (the Town of Mendon vs. the educational leaders) can prove both costly and tragic if building delay ensues.

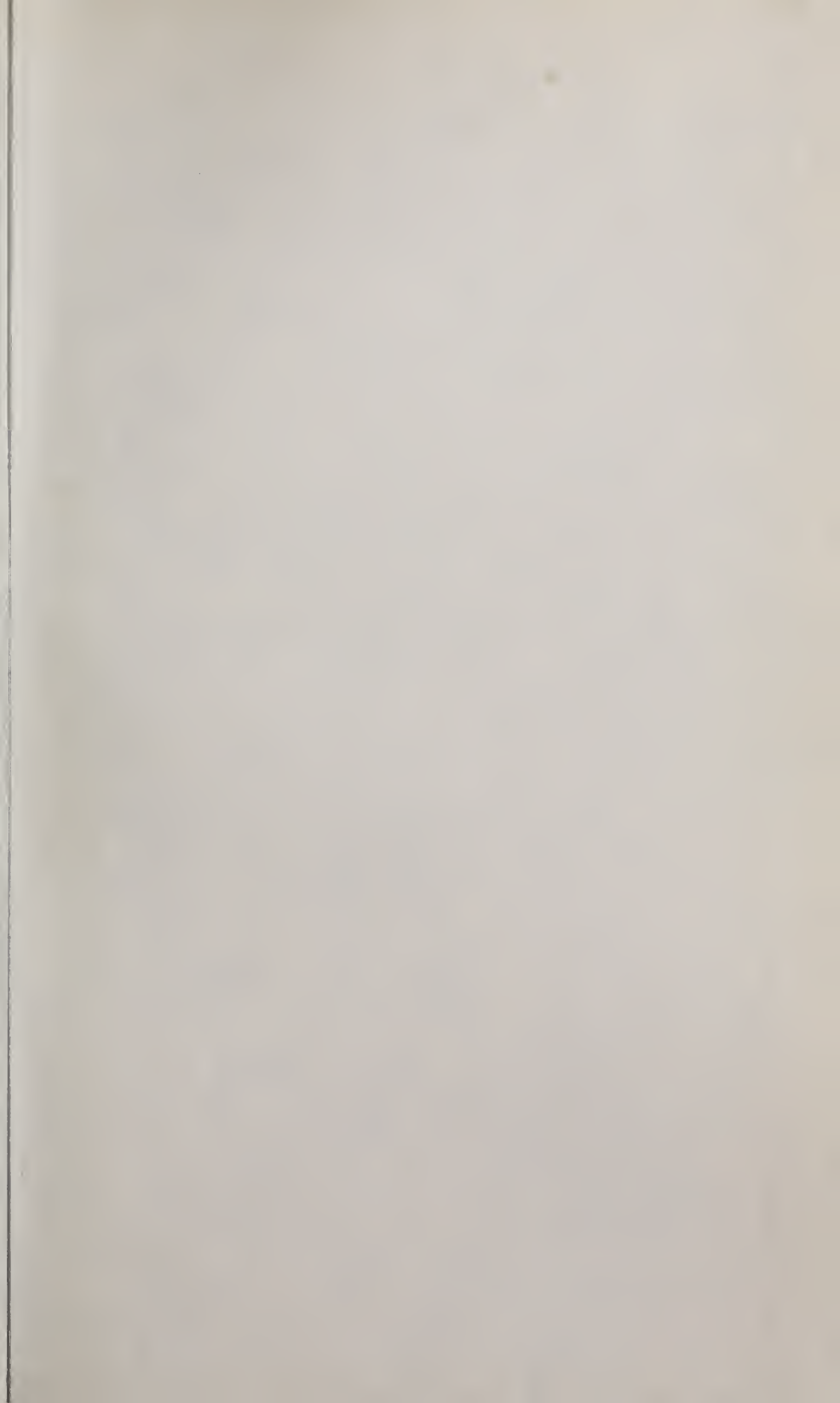
The school situation is very serious due to the lack of space, building conditions and the resultant curriculum curtailment.

Despite the evidence shown in our neighboring town that the end result of double sessions has disclosed the cheating of the pupils (less educational time being offered) and the cheating of the taxpayers' dollars (more cost for less education), our educational leaders do advocate and plan these self-same degrading double sessions. In other words, they would block any form of space addition, seeking to alleviate our distressful conditions, despite the vote of the town, which does not conform to their personal wishes and desire.

It is the opinion of your Building Committee that the Town of Mendon has no alternative but to demand that the conflict of divided leadership pitting the educational leaders against the taxpayers be not tolerated and cease immediately.







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